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Brett McLane
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RIGHT ON REVIEW

Your review [of Colin Clary's *Apocalypse Yow*, November 14] is right on. Colin's latest is fun, extremely musical and has more than a little of the trademark Clary droll wit. It's a winner!

Howard Smith
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CROSSING CULTURES

I want to thank you for your most recent coverage of hunting in Vermont ["Open Season," November 7]. Too often "hunting culture" is regarded with disdain these days. By offering views into different aspects of hunting, you're exposing many important parts of Vermont culture to those who might not otherwise get such exposure.

Also, a belated thank you for covering the deer herd population story last year ["Seen and Herd," October 18]. I found *Seven Days'* coverage well balanced and informed — in some ways impressively more so than your larger competitors.

So while I sit here in Virginia, begrudgingly missing opening day back home, I'm happy to be reading your publication's work.

Jonas Hart
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

THE IRAN PLAN

What a great column [Peter Freyne] had this month ["Inside Track," November 7]. It covered many issues and news items concerning Vermont's congressional delegation — although Welch was missing. The only thing I would add is discussion of the real possibility of war with Iran. I think Cheney is really pushing this. And, unlike Iraq, Iran is a real country — it's *big* — and fanatical enough to use whatever weapons it has, be they nuclear or whatever.

Among the presidential candidates, I like McCain on this issue. He's seen the horrors of war. He's a war hero who has good standing with the hawks and can preach moderation, and he's got lots of experience dealing with congressional politics. He's one of the most respected members of Congress. I know he's way to the right on a lot of social issues, but one cannot have everything.

Bill McGrath
BURLINGTON

PETER PEEVES PROTESTORS

Ever have a houseguest from hell? That's exactly how Congressman Peter Welch could be described during a recent meeting with a group of folks who wanted to get answers they had not been able to obtain by phone, email or the recent sit-in (for which Welch had them arrested) at his office ["Inside Track," October 24 & November 14]. Welch refused to comply with the agenda of his hosts. Imagine a houseguest who refuses to comply with any of your house rules and planned activities, instead insisting you do as he or she demands.

The house rules were simple and clearly defined. The hosts had 14 questions that they wanted a simple "yes" or "no" answer to. Then Welch would have time to explain himself. He refused. Welch whined that he was somehow being blindsided, asked trick questions, etc.

Welch admitted he had not bothered to watch a DVD given

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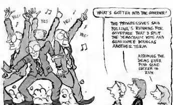
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We created an online survey to let readers weigh in on the changes. More than 200 people have responded so far. Here are some of the comments:

"It seems cleaner and more intuitive to use."

"Easier to read."

"I don't usually like change but this is already easier to read, easier on the eyes, more navigable."

"Not as arty, very crisp, more New York Times than Seven Days."

"Tags are cool!"

"I like the bold wording... seems easier to search. Especially for people who are not computer savvy."

"I'm 50+ so you are going much faster than I find necessary in my life."

"I often share articles and sent out a couple today. The process was very easy. Some other sites make it ridiculously time-consuming."

"I really love the tag cloud, and I like the way you've presented the articles on the search page — title, blurb, date, author, how many reads, etc. Very cool."

"I like the fact that a comments feature will be forthcoming."

"Great page design, beautiful color photos!"

"I like the fact that you used open-sourced software to lay out the site. Too much money in our economy is wasted on companies that use monopolistic practices rather than ingenuity and creativity as their principal business model."

"I think the search feature is better, and I like the rounded-edge font. Makes me want to eat applesauce and suckle."

The survey is still available on the site if you'd like to add your two cents. It appears in the upper right-hand corner of every article.

MOST POPULAR STORIES LAST WEEK ON THE *SEVEN DAYS* WEBSITE

1. "Tundra Track" by Peter Freyne (11/14/07)
2. "The Bare Necessities" by Patrick Ripley (11/14/07)
3. "All Souped Up: Potage preparers — and lovers — weigh their stock options" by Suzanne Podhaizer (11/14/07)
4. "City Squares Off With Building Owner Over Busted Sidewalk" by Mike Ives (11/14/07)
5. "Hot Stuff: The Soup Mama brings home cooking right to your door" by Alice Levitt (11/14/07)

VIDEO

It ain't the Muppet Show — last weekend, Viva La Voce Puppet Opera staged an adaptation of Die Fledermaus, a German comic operetta.

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In the northern U.S., we don't use that much uncured pork belly. Mostly we salt it or smoke it and call it bacon. In other countries, such as Canada, they make a much leaner "bacon" using different cuts. I confess a passionate attachment to the "streaky kind" we make here.

This weekend, I decided to try my hand at preparing a hunk o' belly for the very first time. As usual, I decided to improvise. The dish turned out really, really well, so I thought I'd share.

Read more online.

Posted November 19 by Suzanne Podhaizer

YO, HACKIE [TAXI]

Saturday Night's All Right

I don't know what was going on this past Saturday night. I myself witnessed three street fights, two in front of Nectar's and one in front of Mr. Mike's. Was it something in the air, the water, the moon, the stars? It is uncanny how Burlington seems to express a group energy. Some nights are all peace, love and understanding; others it's downtown Baghdad, outside of the Green Zone.

As a long-time observer of bar fights, I have two points to make.

First, it's never about money, sport teams, politics or religion. Men (and 99.9 percent of these altercations are testosterone-fueled male affairs) may argue, even vehemently, about all sorts of things, but they only come to blows about one thing: women. These fights are always over the girl.

Second, when one of these fisticuffs breaks out, it looks nothing like anything you've ever seen on TV or in a movie, or, for that matter, in a boxing ring. Regular guys fighting in the street are like two [illegible] going at it, throwing punches as fast and furiously as they can. There's no technique involved — just throw, throw, throw and aim for the other guy's head. It's ugly.

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Posted November 19 by Jernigan Pontiac

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ABORTION

Protestors Worry Planned Parenthood Staff and Patients

BY PATRICK RIPLEY

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VERMONT — There was a time when working at an abortion clinic necessitated wearing a bulletproof vest. Or stepping over chained protestors blocking the front door. In some cases, it meant giving your life. Is the past repeating itself at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England? Not quite, but employees say patients and staff are increasingly being harassed and intimidated at clinics in Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire.

Emily Blistein, PPNNE public affairs director for the state of Vermont, says workers throughout New England are reporting increased pro-life activity at their clinics. She points in particular to events at Burlington's Mansfield Avenue and Barre's Washington Street facilities. "It has sort of changed over the last few months, from a typical ... handful of protesters to a larger group who are encroaching much more close to our property boundaries, and using protest techniques they haven't used in the past," says Blistein.

PPNNE staffers say they respect the protestors' right to be there but add that the recent surge in activity has upset patients entering the facility. Particularly disconcerting was a discovery of fake bullets outside the Burlington clinic. Staffers found the faux ammo this past summer and reported it to the local police.

Patients have complained about one man — a regular — who sports red tape over his mouth with the word "Life" written across it. The man, says Blistein, has been seen standing on the Burlington clinic property line, alone or sometimes with a group of young protestors. He walks slowly and stares.

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>
> **ERIN CARMICHAEL**

In April, a group of 40 protesters — presumably from outside Vermont — appeared with the red tape on their mouths, says Blistein. They stood directly in front of the health center, humming at entering patients and refusing to move out of the way. Blistein also says protestors have been seen taking notes in front of the building and sprinkling holy water on the sidewalk. Staffers think they may be writing down license plate numbers, or recording the comings and goings of patients and staff.

Patients also report being approached by protestors, who often hand out pro-life literature. "The patients have said they don't want people to come up to them about these personal decisions," says Blistein. "The patients that come to us are upset because they feel they are being judged, and they feel intimidated."

Planned Parenthood Assistant Director of Medical Services Erin Carmichael says that, in addition to upsetting patients, the recent protests have had a chilling effect on the staff. "The surge in activity is concerning because anti-choice activists have a history of threats and violence," says Carmichael. "The history is very real, and any reasonable person would feel threatened as their activity escalates."

Blistein believes the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is responsible for the recent upsurge. She points to a column called "Montpelier Matters," which is written by Michele Morin and published biweekly by the diocese. Recent editions of the column, which appears in the *Vermont Catholic Tribune*, feature plentiful pro-life information, including guidelines on how to pray at abortion centers approved by Bishop Salvatore Matano. "Montpelier Matters" also lists specific times, dates and locations of pro-life events at abortion clinics in Vermont.

Gloria Gibson, the Diocese's director of communications, denies it has anything to do with the recent increase in activity, describing the demonstrations as "spontaneous." "What you have is a lot of different people from different walks of life that feel the same," says Gibson. "All they do is pray. They don't have signs. They don't have messages. There's no demonstrations of any kind. They just simply pray ... I don't even know what religions they are."

When pressed about the pro-life material in "Montpelier Matters," Gibson says Morin is merely a part-time columnist, and "a lot of the stuff she does is not initiated by and not promoted by the diocese."

When contacted, Morin refused to speak with *Seven Days* on the record. In an email response to a request for an interview, she said the diocese has never organized a protest at an abortion center. Morin attributes the effort to a Montpelier-based group known as the Vermont Right to Life Committee, whose executive director, Mary Beerworth, just happens to be Morin's sister.

When *Seven Days* asked Morin to comment on a recent issue of her column describing a "Peaceful protest at the abortion center in Barre," she did not respond. Morin's column also estimates how many "abortion customers" enter the Burlington clinic on a given day, a figure she reaches by observing how long each person stays in the building and whether they come with a companion.

"I think that's a bit dangerous to say that they don't have an organized effort," responds PPNNE's Blistein, adding that 97 percent of PPNNE's care is prevention based, and most patients do not come to its clinics for abortions.

But VRLC's Beerworth doesn't shy away from the issue, and says county chapters of her organization do indeed spearhead local protests. Beerworth denies any knowledge of note taking, and says she has never witnessed blocked sidewalks or trespassing — later adding that VRLC does not condone protestors approaching or addressing those entering the clinic. But she admits, "You can't control everybody."

Beerworth also says VRLC's mission is "totally different" from that of the diocese. VRLC stays away from religious rhetoric and embraces protest. "Anyone who doesn't want to do it the way we do it is not welcome to join us," she adds.

Beerworth attributes the recent surge in protests to VRLC's efforts, as well as to a progressive increase in Vermont's abortion rate. She claims that, after dropping steadily each year since 1985, numbers of abortions have started to rise, and that about 15 abortions are performed each week at the Burlington clinic and about six in Barre. "In the end, they are primarily in the business of abortion," Beerworth says of PPNNE. "They may not like it, but it's the truth."

"It saddens us that the protestors claim to be there to help women, but they have no regard for the emotional effect their judgmental presence actually has," says PPNNE's Carmichael. She adds that encounters with the protestors have reduced some women to tears.

"We have a right to do it," says Beerworth. As for PPNNE, "If they're proud of what they do, it shouldn't be disturbing them in the least."

This month, PPNNE began enlisting the help of volunteers to escort patients in and out of the Burlington clinic. (Until the mid-1990s, the clinic contracted with an off-duty police officer to monitor the building.) When protestors do come on PPNNE's property, they get a warning before police are summoned.

Deputy Chief Mike Schirling of the Burlington Police Department says the cops responded to a call in August. A woman at the Burlington PPNNE clinic was "in the office yelling about ripping dead babies out of bodies," he reports. "She wanted to see where they were keeping the dead bodies." ⓧ

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HEALTH CARE

Are Vermont's Employers Leaving Kids Behind?

BY MIKE IVES

VERMONT — A few weeks back, the Minnesota-based nonprofit United Health Foundation deemed Vermont the "healthiest" state in the nation. But a policy brief issued around the same time by a Washington, D.C., think tank stated that the number of Vermont kids receiving employer-based health insurance has declined over the last five years — the most dramatic change of its kind in the U.S.

According to the brief, which was released by the nonpartisan, labor-oriented Economic Policy Institute (EPI) on November 1, 15,211 Vermont minors lost employer-provided health insurance from 2000 to 2006 — a drop of 11 percent — leaving 60 percent of Vermont's children covered. By comparison, only five other states saw such dramatic decreases.

Susan Besio, Vermont's director of health care reform implementation, strongly disagrees with those findings, citing contradictory data from Vermont's Department of Health, Banking, Insurance, Securities & Health Care Administration (BISHCA). According to Besio's calculations, roughly the same proportion of kids receives employer-provided coverage — almost 8 in 10 — as did five years ago. She claims there's actually been a 3 percent *increase* since 2000.

Nonetheless, health-care experts speak of a disturbing trend. "As a child advocate, we know there are more families struggling," says Beth Burgess, research coordinator at Voices for Vermont's Children, the state's principal children's advocacy group. "But I also think," Burgess concedes, "that the BISHCA data appears to be representative." (She suggests that state-conducted surveys are generally more accurate than national ones.) Voices was instrumental in the implementation of the state legislature's newly formed Child Poverty Council, which aims to cut child poverty by at least 50 percent over the next decade.

Ernst Blair, Vermont director of public policy at Bi-State Primary Care Association, offers a more nuanced view of the numbers. Bi-State, a private nonprofit serving Vermont and New Hampshire, advocates for community health centers and uninsured residents. Blair says he's "surprised" to hear Besio claim that private insurance figures are increasing, pointing to 2007 BISHCA data that document a 1 percent *decline* in employer-based coverage for Vermont residents in the last five years.

What about Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's highly touted health-care program that covers kids whose parents make up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level? Has it been "weakened" by state budget constraints, as EPI's report implies? No way, says Besio. With last year's passage of the landmark Health Care Affordability Act, she suggests, Dr. Dynasaur and other state health-care programs are more welcoming and customer-friendly than in the past.

Health-care advocate Blair agrees with Besio's assertion — more or less. The policy expert says 2007 legislative "tweaks" to the state's health-assistance programs should help improve existing services. But he also notes that some enrollment procedures haven't changed much since 2005. That year, BISHCA reported that nearly 80 percent of uninsured Vermont minors were eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicaid programs like Dr. Dynasaur. Data for 2007 aren't yet available.

Back in 2005, "The amount of information and the kind of help that was available was not particularly helpful," Blair recalls. Now officials are "definitely spending time on the phone with people and answering more questions." But whether that will translate into more eligible people enrolled, he predicts, "is unclear."

"The overall climate is worrisome for public programs," he says — the Bush administration's resistance to expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) could hurt programs like Dr. Dynasaur.

Employer-based health care isn't necessarily a bargain, either. Blair reports that more and more Vermont employers are either raising premiums or "threatening" to drop policies. His comments are echoed by a spokesperson from the Vermont Workers' Center, who suggests that an increasing number of Vermont employers are cutting family-plan benefits.

And employer-based coverage isn't always what it's cracked up to be. Just ask Tiffany Germain, a 26-year-old New Haven resident whose two children lost Dr. Dynasaur benefits in 2005. Germain and her boyfriend now earn roughly $50,000 per year — slightly above Dr. Dynasaur's $54,000 cut-off for a family of four. Her kids have ADHD and asthma, and she can barely afford the $150 co-pays for doctor visits.

"I know other people that make just as much as my boyfriend and I, and *they* have Dr. Dynasaur," Germain says. "That's something I don't understand. It's weird." These days, she adds, her employer-based coverage plan requires her to pay $80 per month out of pocket for health benefits and medication. Recent changes in her insurance policy have made her co-pays more expensive.

"I'm a hard-working person," Germain asserts. "All I ask for is health benefits for my kids." State officials "don't want to help those who are trying to help themselves, and I think they're screwing around with the wrong people."

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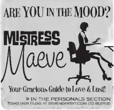
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Cash Crop

STATE MAY CONSIDER INDUSTRIAL HEMP BILL

VERMONT — George Washington recommended that the seeds be sown far and wide throughout the colonies, and Thomas Jefferson once called it the "first necessity to the wealth and prosperity of the nation." Abraham Lincoln penned his Emancipation Proclamation by the light of its oil, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture once urged farmers to grow it to accelerate victory in World War II.

"It" is industrial hemp — a multipurpose plant that is effectively outlawed throughout the United States by the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. But come January, the Vermont Legislature may once again revisit the sticky issue of hemp legalization in an effort to provide local farmers with a cash crop that is cost effective and easy to raise, even in our short growing season.

The hemp bill, H.267, was discussed quite a bit last spring to "set the table for this winter," according to House Ag Committee Chair Dave Zuckerman (P-Burlington). Thus far, the only pushback has come from the Vermont State Police, who reportedly claim that legalized hemp would make it more difficult for drug agents to spot its intoxicating cousin, marijuana. To prevent such confusion, a provision in the bill would require Vermont hemp growers to register their fields with the state and obtain all their seeds from the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Currently, North Dakota is the only state to have passed a law legalizing hemp cultivation. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has yet to grant any licenses to do so, and a federal court ruling on the matter is expected any day now. But Zuckerman is hoping the feds will come to terms with industrial hemp production, "so that it can become a reality in Vermont, too, as opposed to just a pipe dream."

KEN PICARD

Grammy Theft Auto

POLICE FIND BURLINGTON WOMAN'S CAR IN FLORIDA

BURLINGTON — "Get a life. Get off the streets. Go to school. Get a job. Do something with your life." That's the advice 75-year-old Burlington resident Jane Dworshak has for the punk police say stole her car last Thursday morning.

The car, a 2007 silver Honda Accord, was pinched in front of Union Station while Dworshak was visiting the Montstream Studio and Gallery. Her son Alan is married to artist Katharine Montstream. Jane Dworshak says she saw the alleged thief — sporting orange spiked hair — on her way into the studio, and even gave him a friendly hello as she passed. "We made eye contact," she says.

The man followed her into the studio and pretended to be looking at her daughter-in-law's prints, but later snuck out and stole the vehicle, says Dworshak, who admits to leaving her keys in the car. "You trust people. You really do," she says.

Three days later, police had tracked the vehicle to the northern Florida town of Yulee. It was parked in a mall lot, and two young men were sleeping in the front seats, according to the Nassau County Clerk's Office in Florida.

Brian Wilbur, 20, is believed to have stolen the vehicle and is charged with felony grand theft auto, say police. He has no known address. Police say Alex Michelsen, 20, of Virginia, was in the car with Wilbur. He was also charged with felony grand theft auto. The two men are in a Florida jail.

The Dworshaks are hoping insurance will cover the costs of transporting the car back to Vermont.

PATRICK RIPLEY

Ridin' the Rails

SANDERS INSERTS AMENDMENT IN AMTRAK BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The State of Vermont is trying to reconnect its rural railroad system, and Bernie Sanders is providing senatorial CPR.

Sanders sponsored an amendment to the U.S. Senate's recently approved Amtrak reauthorization bill, which would free up federal funding for the railroad that encourages "the purchase of environmentally sensitive, fuel efficient and cost effective passenger rail equipment."

The bill, which cleared the Senate in a 70-22 vote on October 30, would authorize $11.44 billion for Amtrak through 2012 if signed into law. Sanders' amendment would give grant applicants who plan on developing environmentally conscious rail projects a better shot at the cash.

Vermont is already in the midst of a $30 million pilot program known as the Gateway Rural Improvement Project that is aimed at demonstrating the benefits of a rural rail corridor. GRIP could benefit from the amendment in the form of capital equipment purchases, says Sanders spokesman Will Wiquist.

"It's an opportunity for Vermont to take advantage of possible federal funding," continues Wiquist. "It helps Vermont, potentially, and it helps the nation move in a way [Sanders] wants the country to move."

The federal bill was referred to the House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on October 31.

PATRICK RIPLEY

Who's Hungry?

35.5 million: Number of Americans who went hungry in 2006

2.5 million: Increase over 2005 in the number of Americans who went hungry

1 in 10: Number of American households now considered "food-insecure."

88%: Percentage of USDA's spending that goes to food stamps and other public nutrition programs.

1 in 5: Number of Americans affected by those programs.

88,200: Annual number of Vermonters who receive emergency food assistance

8.6%: Percentage of Vermont households considered food insecure from 2000 to 2002.

9.6%: Percentage of Vermont households considered food insecure from 2003 to 2005

15: Vermont's food-insecurity rating among the 50 states. The higher the number, the more "food-insecure."

2%: Percentage of Vermont households considered to have "very low food security" from 2000 to 2002.

4.3%: Percentage of Vermont households considered to have "very low food security" from 2003 to 2005

1 in 3: Number of Vermont households seeking emergency food assistance that include at least one employed adult.

$46 million: Total amount of food stamps issued in Vermont in 2006

38%: Percentage of Vermont Foodbank clients who must choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.

33%: Percentage of Vermont Foodbank clients who must choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage.

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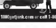

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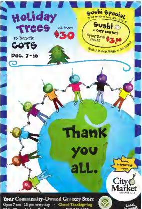
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AN IRREVERENT READ ON VT POLITICS

Looking for a Bright Side

Antiwar U.S. Sen. **Bernie Sanders** held his Monday presser this week with Vermont National Guard Adjutant Gen. **Michael Dubie** at his side. Ol' Bernardo was touting a $3 million grant he'd secured for an outreach program to assist Vermont veterans of the senseless bloodbath in Iraq. Before the show, yours truly got a little one-on-one with the general.

Dubie, brother of Lt. Gov. **Brian Dubie**, returned from an Iraq visit about six weeks ago.

"It's very difficult to look out into the future," said Gen. Dubie, "but I'm generally more optimistic than the average person."

Part of the reason for his optimism, he said, comes from looking "at the metrics of what's going on in Iraq. Things clearly are getting [better]. The violence is down. Across the board, the violence is down. So I'm encouraged."

ADJUTANT GEN. MICHAEL DUBIE

PHOTO: PETER FREYNE

At least somebody is, eh?

"It's not like I'm naive here," said the general, "that I'm just taking the company line."

The key to the whole shebang, Dubie said, will be for "the political process to work" in Iraq. And the key for the political process to work will be getting the "oil revenue channel" flowing.

"It's just like anywhere," said Gen. Dubie. "If you can't get the money, you're never going to have reconciliation." The Sunnis, the Shias and the Kurds, he said, have to come to "some kind of arrangement" where they can share revenue and power and security.

At least Iraqi ruler **Saddam Hussein**, the one who didn't have WMDs, the one we overthrew and executed, maintained a sense of order and stability and Iraq's economy functioned.

"He held it together," replied Dubie, "but Tito did the same thing in Yugoslavia. Tito held it together with an iron fist."

The head of the Vermont Guard said he was encouraged right now by what he was seeing.

"The political clock in this country is ticking," acknowledged Gen. Dubie, "and I don't know if the country has the political will to stay with this thing long enough for it to work. That's my opinion."

Thanks for sharing, but with all due respect, General, that's a lot like the line we were hearing a whole lot back in the Vietnam War days of 1968: "If we just stay the course."

And the hard question for Uncle Sam back then was the same as the hard question for Uncle Sam today: How many more American soldiers will be sent to fight and die for a lie?

Ballpark?

Because everybody knows, Saddam's Iraq wasn't any more of a threat to the United States of America than was **Ho Chi Minh**'s North Vietnam.

Sanders' View? — Near the end of the press conference with Vermont's junior senator, the issue of the "politics" of our war in Iraq was raised. Gen. Dubie said in front of the TV cameras what he had said to yours truly in the mailroom earlier.

"I think the surge has been working. If you look at the metrics, the surge seems to be working."

And what did Sen. Sanders think?

"Ah," replied Sanders, showing some discomfort over the fact that he didn't agree with Dubie. "The casualty rates are down. The amount of violence is down, but the goal of the surge was to bring about political reconciliation. That's the goal," he noted, "not to keep our troops in Iraq indefinitely."

Our troops, noted Ol' Bernardo, remain in Iraq "in very large numbers, and the situation in Afghanistan is not good."

While only 80 Vermont Guard troops are in the battle zone today — the lowest number since **George W. Bush** launched what history books will record as America's shameful criminal enterprise in Iraq — the Guard is preparing for another unit-size call-up in early 2008.

After all, under the rules in our democracy, as long as *Republicans* in the United States Senate use their votes to filibuster and hold 41 votes together, they can continue funding the Bush-Cheney bloodbath.

It'll be interesting to see if a few GOP senators change their tunes, and their votes, after spending a little time at home for the holidays?

Health Care Solved? — This month, the Vermont television airwaves are full of the well done, funny ads with the farmer saying how he's "healthy as a horse" — just before the horse behind him keels over.

The TV ads, centerpiece of a $1.6 million marketing campaign (www.greenmountaincare.org), were unveiled recently at Rutland Regional Medical Center by a bipartisan contingent that included Republican Gov. **Jim Douglas**, Democratic House Speaker **Gaye Symington** and Democratic Rep. **Harry Chen**, M.D.

The pitch is to get uninsured Vermonters over 18 who've been uninsured for at least 12 months to contact Green Mountain Care and sign up for the highly touted Catamount health insurance plan. That's the one which was agreed upon by both the Democratic leadership under the Golden Dome, who surrendered on single-payer, and the best friend the insurance industry has in Vermont: Gov. Jim Douglas.

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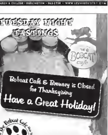

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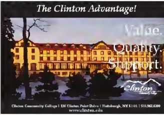
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health-care-reform firebrand Dr. **Deb Richter** doesn't fool easily. Yours truly asked the good doctor recently for her take on what the state's leading politicians are touting as progress.

"The governor is right, Catamount is a very good insurance product," answered Dr. Richter. "And it will be wonderful for the few thousand people the state can afford to subsidize. But it won't do a thing for the tens of thousands of Vermonters who are struggling to pay for health insurance policies that have huge co-pays and deductibles and barely cover their needs," she added. "The Catamount solution is akin to putting a high-quality Band-Aid on a wound that is getting bigger by the day. It won't solve the problem. But it will get the governor re-elected. And that is the point, isn't it?"

Richter doesn't mince words. And she's part of a growing body of medical doctors across the country who also want America to join the rest of the civilized world with regard to health care. They have an increasingly active national organization called Physicians for a National Health Program (www.pnhp.org). They do share the "radical" notion with docs in France, Britain, Spain and Canada that "health care is a human right."

Vermont's health-care reform "Joan of Arc" was promoting **Michael Moore**'s illuminating film *Sicko* around the state this summer and fall. The other evening she brought the flick to a student audience at the University of Vermont. Good crowd turned out — almost 400.

When it was over, Richter asked, "How many of you have health insurance?"

Almost all the hands in the theater went up.

"And keep your hands up if you have health insurance for life," she added.

All but two or three hands dropped.

"See, that's the problem," said Dr. Deb. "Everyone in every other industrialized nation is guaranteed health care for life."

But the "real" shame, noted this Vermont doctor, wife and mother of a college-age kid — and who does make house calls — "is that we're already spending enough money in total to cover every single American with comprehensive coverage, eye care, dental care, prescriptions, doctor, hospital, *everything*!"

The audience of tuition-laden college folk was paying very close attention.

"You have to know a couple numbers," said Richter. "Of the total amount we're spending in Vermont, one-third of it is for administrative costs. It has nothing to do with health care. Not with people taking your blood pressure or doing any kind of surgery. You don't need all these people in administration.

"Put it all in one pot and there's more than enough money!" said the good doctor. "So this whole idea that we can't afford to cover every single person in America is bullshit, and we should call it that!"

The audience burst into applause. Who doesn't like a doctor who talks straight? In fact, Richter's straight talk has prompted a few to suggest the candidate-strapped Vermont Left consider her as gubernatorial material in 2008.

Richter says she's not interested. At least not at the moment.

So if there's more than enough money to cover everyone, why isn't everyone covered?

"You have to wipe out the insurance industry from health care. It's a little bit of a problem," she said with a tinge of sarcasm.

Yes, indeed.

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The house may topple over in the million-dollar Catamount TV ad campaign, but Dr. Deb isn't giving up. Richter is organizing her troops behind H. 304, a bill that would at least provide some hospital coverage to all Vermonters. A foot in the door, though not in the operating room.

The bill is sponsored by Barre Town Republican Rep. **Topper McFaun** and former Democratic Speaker of the House **Michael Obuchowski** of Bellows Falls.

Interesting duo, eh?

P.S. If you haven't seen *Sicko* because you think you know what it's about, do yourself a favor this holiday season. Rent it. Buy it. Sit down and watch it. Mr. Moore's best by far.

Only in America.

The Pot Thickens — Gov. Jim Douglas may have thought he was scoring points for next November when he jumped into the middle of the Great Windsor County Marijuana Case, but the pot and the plot are definitely thickening.

Martha Davis, a Woodstock Generation lawyer and part-time family court judge who called Fish & Wildlife over a dead deer, got popped for the 2 1/2 pounds and 32 small marijuana plants the officials discovered on her property.

State's Attorney **Bobby Sand**, a decriminalization advocate, gave the first-time offender a shot at court diversion.

Gov. Douglas screamed bloody murder, jumped in and declared that henceforth state law enforcement and federal agents should bring first-time pot cases to the state attorney general.

That inspired a letter from 15 members of the Windsor County legislative delegation to the AG, urging him to ignore the gov's directive.

Why?

Simple. Bobby Sand was elected by the people of the county to handle the prosecution of crime in that county. In this matter, Sand derives his just powers from the consent of the governed.

Gov. Douglas, they noted, does not.

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has nothing to do with approval or disapproval of our present drug laws," the legislators noted. "By bringing charges and directing the defendant to Court Diversion in the case that precipitated the Governor's directive, Ms. Sand is enforcing the existing law."

Sand also picked up support this week from **Franklin Billings Jr.**, a former chief justice of the Vermont Supreme Court and, like Douglas, a Republican.

Billings told the *Rutland Herald* that the governor had crossed the line. Douglas has a right to speak his piece, said Billings.

"As a judge, I feel the prosecutor has the discretion, just as the judge has the discretion absent sentencing guidelines," Billings said. "That is what they are elected for."

Gov. Douglas was unavailable for the *Rutland Herald* article, but yours truly nailed him at an I-89 interstate rest area, where he was presiding over a free-WiFi "ribbon-cutting" presser the other day.

Gov. Douglas called the Windsor County pot case "an extraordinary situation" in which States Attorney Sand's prosecutorial discretion "has been abused."

"And I think it's important for me as the executive authority with law-enforcement agencies reporting to me," said the Guv to yours truly, "to ensure that the laws of Vermont are carried out fairly."

Douglas suggested, "It's simply unfair for someone in one county to be treated vastly differently from someone somewhere else. There's a perception of a double standard when a well-connected attorney and acting judge is treated generously in a situation like this. I believe I'm doing the right thing."

On first blush, public relations-wise, it looks like you are, Guv. But then the damn law and the Constitution get in the way, don't they?

Jeezum crow! You'd think if we could adapt to same-sex marriage, the Woodstock Generation might have been able to demonstrate a little sanity by now when it comes to marijuana, instead of creating a vast criminal culture.

Hey, did you notice former Chickenbone Café bartender **Greg Stevens'** arrest in Brooklyn, New York, for smuggling 340 pounds of grass across the Canadian border last year hidden in a tractor trailer?

A Burlington King Street fixture back in the 1980s and '90s, Stevens did five years for the big **Billy Greer** Canal-St. hashish bust. Judge **William Sessions** revoked his release and gave Stevens 30 more months to serve. Greg's 56 now.

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to him documenting why the Twin Towers came down, and was surprised so many people fail to believe the *9/11 Report* that he blindly believes. Welch has staunchly refused to support impeachment of George Bush and Dick Cheney in spite of the fact that Vermonters have demanded it. Welch and the Democrats have repeatedly stated they have more important things to do.

The Democrats, and Welch in particular, ran for office with the promise they would impeach Bush. Yes, the audience was verbal and demanding of their Congressman — telling him he works for us, demanding he follow the rules of his hosts, demanding that he follow the Constitution, demanding he produce the results he campaigned on and the reason many in the room voted and campaigned for him, and demanding a simple up or down vote as he claimed was so important in Congress.

Anyone remember the other Peter — Peter Smith? We get what we elect! No more Republicans or Democrats. Save America.

Laura Brueckner
WATERBURY CENTER

CHOICE POVERTY

It takes a lot of work (and words) to spin the conservative take on poverty — 482 by my count (232 more than the 250-word limit noted in the letters policy in your paper). But I appreciate that *Seven Days* waived the policy to run the argument by John McClaughry of the Ethan Allen Institute ["Letters," November 7]. His argument illustrates nicely the perverted and downright acerbic view of the poor by social and fiscal conservatives and the nation's minority wealthy class. It exhibits the ideas that I hope as a college instructor and a new father I can help disabuse in generations to come.

McClaughry suggests or implies that poor people in America are poor out of choice, that there aren't any "poor" in America, that the "poor" can raise [sic] to the middle class and that benefits extended to the poor are giveaways that serve only to grow government and increase tax burdens. These are among the misguided, unreasonable and downright contradictory ideas posited by McClaughry in his diatribe.

First, there are poor people in America. Twelve percent of Americans live on poverty wages. White kids and black kids comprise the biggest groups of poor, with 15 percent and 30 percent, respectively, living in poverty. I'm not sure how census data could be used to highlight the "choices" that the poor have neglected to make to relieve themselves of poverty, but they do tell the income and relative poverty story of our country.

Second, poverty — or remaining in poverty — is hardly a choice. Common sense dictates that people who move upward socio-economically do so after benefiting from training and education. Education, then, is one of the "choices" that people must make to move upward. Surely someone has to pay for that education.

Third, benefits for the poor do not represent bigger government. This is the view proffered by the rich and those who own the corporations (or run think tanks geared toward benefiting the so-called "free market"). Yet those of the conservative social ilk support American hegemony through warfare — the equipment and personnel for which is bought with our tax dollars and goes directly to large corporations like General Dynamics, General Motors and Halliburton. If we spent a fraction of our military and war-making budget on equal educational opportunities for poor children and retraining for displaced workers, we could afford to educate those who "choose" to lose their jobs and who "choose" to not have good fair-wage jobs to go to.

So it's well and good that McClaughry can use creative interpretations of words and disclaimers of affiliation with the Heritage Foundation to spin his ideas, but the most basic facts are these: What we've been doing isn't working. There are more poor today than there were before the neocons who have hijacked our government took over seven years ago. We can implement programs that hold beneficiaries accountable. We can solve these problems before we raise yet another generation of Americans who believe that poverty is a "choice," that the only person who matters is *me* and the only legitimate worry is whether "I've got mine."

Craig Chevrier
HINESBURG

A MUST READ

Thanks, *Seven Days*, for your timely article on the Farm Bill ["Crop Circles," November 14]. The Farm Bill is an important to us. The article deserves careful reading and discussion. Americans need to wake up to the necessity for farmers to make a living and for people to eat good food.

We should especially note the statistics column on page 31. The geography of Vermont lends itself to small, diversified farms: "Average acreage of a VT farm — 189." Then glide your eyes upward to the first three statistics: Eight percent of U.S. farmers produce 72 percent of U.S. ag sales, two-thirds of subsidies go to 10 percent of the farms, 93 percent of the subsidies are for the big five: corn, wheat, rice, soybeans and cotton. We're talking about giant corporate farms using heavy chemicals and GMO seeds. Most of the commentators in the article are distressed about these subsidies going to the already rich farmers, who are destroying soil and the environment with their farming practices.

The fine aspect of this year's Farm Bill discussion in Congress is that consumers, small farmers and organic farmers, and advocates of hungry people are all stepping up to the table to ask for better food and support of more ecological farmer-friendly and land-friendly practices. Thirty years ago, Frances Moore Lappe turned many of us into vegetarians with her analysis of the world food supply and the possibility of food abundance for all. Today she is arguing for food education and activism on a large scale. "We don't experience ourselves as creating this world; we don't see ourselves as choosers at all," she wrote in her book, *Hope's Edge*. She taught herself new ways of imagining food production and distribution by traveling around the world and visiting alternative cooperative food producers. Here in Vermont, with many hard-working small farmers and supporters such as the Intervale Farm Program, we have an opportunity to make an impact with our buying power and our personal education about the farm bill and U.S. policies regarding food.

Why pay more for local food? Because it's healthier and doesn't require major transportation costs. It also gives local farmers' families a living wage! Do you realize that U.S. citizens pay almost half as much as the citizens of Europe for their food?

Please read the article, inform yourself further and, above all, be willing to pay your farmers and to expect nutritious and satisfying food.

Sophie Quest
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CORRECTIONS

- In a story that ran last week ["All Souped Up"], *Seven Days* incorrectly identified a photo. The photo was taken at That's Life Soup in Montpelier by Jeb Wallace-Brodeur.

- In a story that ran last week ["Crop Circles"], *Seven Days* incorrectly spelled the name of Roger Allbee.

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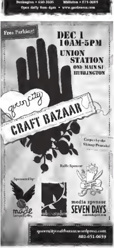
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BOOKS

Austen Powers? Fans Launch 'Society' in Vermont

BY AMY LILLY

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It is "a truth universally acknowledged" that one of the English language's wittiest novelists still has a tremendous following even 190 years after her death. Witness the **Jane Austen Society of North America**. Based on the original British organization, the 60 JASNA chapters around the U.S. and Canada meet regularly to adore the 19th-century author's sentences, learn the latest from invited scholars, or simply socialize over English tea. Vermont now has its own chapter thanks to Austen enthusiasts — and JASNA members — **Carol Madden** of Montpelier and **Kelly McDonald** of Winooski.

About eight women, including Madden's daughter and McDonald's mother, attended the inaugural meeting last Saturday at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier. McDonald had emailed the other 12 JASNA members living in Vermont, though only one could make it; nearly all, she reported, were happy to hear that they will no longer need to travel to Montreal or Boston for meetings. Madden had become disenchanted with the Boston meetings, anyway. They served bad food, she claims. "I mean, what's this with hummus and crudités?" she says with a chuckle. "I should think they'd want more tea and cucumber sandwiches."

> **I just love Jane Austen. We're just out to have a fun time.**
>
> **CAROL MADDEN**

JASNA requires chapter members to pay a $30 annual fee. Chapters usually mandate additional dues for their own expenses — a measure this newly formed group immediately voted against. It's safe to say that JASNA VT will buck the trend in other ways, too. In some chapters, members don period dress; these Vermonters laughed outright at the idea of wearing pelisses and frock coats to gatherings.

The local organizers, too, are not overly P.C. about their heroine. Their poster for Saturday's event superimposed Austen's curl-festooned head on the big-shouldered Uncle Sam of the famous army recruitment image. The group decided to mix up meeting locations to include Brattleboro, where one member lives, and East Hardwick, home of the English-style tea room Perennial Pleasures.

After the women settled the pressing matter of how to celebrate Jane Austen's birthday on December 16 — they agreed to share favorite passages over tea at a Montpelier member's house — McDonald drew names for door prizes. She had bought the boxes of authentic English tea and biscuits during her summer trip to Winchester, England.

McDonald, who only recently started reading Austen's six novels, discovered the author via historical research on an 1814 diary written by one of Austen's acquaintances. Madden is simply a fan of the books. "I just love Jane Austen," she enthuses. "We're just out to have a fun time." Anyone can join the chapter — all that's required is the ability to read aloud the social satire of, say, *Northanger Abbey* without dissolving in laughter. ⓐ

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GREAT APING The recent documentary *My Kid Could Paint That* chronicles the strange case of a 4-year-old whose parents sold her abstract paintings to the tune of more than $300,000. Thetford writer **Bob Nutt** takes that scenario a step further in his screenplay *Bosu's Art*, in which the title character is an "artistic orangutan" so talented that human painters tussle for the chance to pass his work off as their own. Luckily, this story is fiction — and played for laughs.

Nutt, a staff writer for the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, won the first annual Screenplay Competition organized by **White River Indie Films**, a nonprofit that also puts on White River Junction's annual film fest. The judges who chose *Bosu's Art* included Upper Valley creative types such as filmmaker **Nora Jacobson**. Nutt's screenplay will get a staged reading from local actors on Friday, November 30, at 7:45 p.m., at Revolution on Main Street in White River Junction. The event is free.

Sometimes a few big awards are all it takes to push a novelist from the "respected but obscure" category to the *New York Times* bestseller list. Arlington writer **Brad Kessler** may not be there yet, but his public profile certainly rose this October, when he received two national honors. At an Ohio ceremony featuring Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, Kessler got the second annual Dayton Literary Peace Prize for his novel *Birds in Fall*, which envisions how a multinational cast of characters would interact after surviving a plane crash.

That same month, Kessler was announced as one of 10 annual winners of the 2007 Whiting Writers' Award, which fuels the careers of "emerging writers" with a check for $50,000. (Another Vermonter, **Kirsten Bakis** of Whiting, snagged one of the prestigious awards in 2004.) Kessler is currently working on a piece of nonfiction. Look for him on your local shelves.

MARGOT HARRISON

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WORDS

Apocalypse Is Now in the *Green Mountains Review*

BY MARGOT HARRISON

Water covers the streets of a nearly abandoned Manhattan. A couple huddles in their home under government quarantine after catching the plague from a stray cat. A weekend warrior desperately maintains his pristine lawn in the midst of a new suburban wilderness. A writer wonders how long he would survive doomsday holed up in Wal-Mart, "my one-stop-shopping ecosystem."

Sound like science fiction? Maybe, but these days, apocalyptic notions have reached the literary mainstream. Witness the new 20th-anniversary double issue of *Green Mountains Review*, the award-winning literary journal housed at Johnson State College, in which all these worst case scenarios appear.

Neil Shepard, who's been editor of *GMR* since it first appeared in 1987, says he didn't have to look far to fill the issue, called *American Apocalypse*. The poet and JSC professor explains in a phone interview, "Ever since George Bush took office, we've started receiving more gloomy poems and pieces of prose." Shepard decided to open the dystopian floodgates by "calling for submissions of poetry, fiction and nonfiction — darkly comic or deadly serious, that center on American dread."

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> **NEIL SHEPARD, EDITOR, *GREEN MOUNTAINS REVIEW***

Last year, he brought flyers announcing the special issue to an annual convention for faculty of BFA and MFA programs. "Flyers just started flying off the table," he recalls. "I made a couple of thousand before it was over. The buzz was there." Soon Shepard was sorting through more than 5000 manuscripts.

Though *GMR* accepts submissions from all over, a sprinkling of Vermont writers appears in the 272-page compilation. Local poets **David Cavanagh**, **David Huddle**, **Greg Delanty** and **Stephen Sandy** offer their dark visions.

Then there's "Pucker Pie," a provocative story from novelist Walter Wetherell, who lives right over the border in Lyme, New Hampshire. In it, a family driving through Vermont for a vacation getaway gets swept up in the mob frenzy of the farewell concert of a band called Pucker Pie, which sounds suspiciously like Phish. When the band cancels their appearance amid torrents of rain, angry young folk in expensive cars swarm rest stops and set things ablaze, and a middle-aged dad struggles to protect his young daughter from this party that looks a lot like the end of civilization.

After wading through all those manuscripts with his staff, will Shepard ever want to read another vision of doom? "I'm not sick of it," he says. Readers who feel the same can purchase *American Apocalypse* for $15 at megastores and "literary" book stores such as Bear Pond Books or for $16.50 by mail. For info visit http://greenmountainsreview.jsc.vsc.edu.

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BY PAMELA POLSTON

There used to be a saying about Vermont that it had more cows than people. That may no longer be true, what with the decline of the family dairy farm and the ongoing influx of flatlanders. Still, a new 2008 calendar with the silly name of "Haute Cowture" has fun with Vermonters' affection for the bucolic bovine. And the celebrities in its photos seem to have fun, as well, being in the photos.

"Haute Cowture" is the brainchild of **Sebastian Ryder**, production manager of the Gretsky Calendar Company of Burlington. Her aim was to create a Vermont product her students at Champlain Valley Union High School could sell — instead of those ubiquitous non-local chocolate bars — to raise money for performing arts projects. Ryder got an initial boost from a "stage mother," **Elizabeth Skarie**. She in turn prompted her husband, **Jerry Greenfield**, and his pal **Ben Cohen** to pose. The smiling duo ended up on the August page.

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Other Vermont celebs include author **Chris Bohjalian**, filmmaker **Nora Jacobson**, Senator **Bernie Sanders** and real farmer/actor **George Woodard**. The best image — which made the cover as well as March — is of Burlington's **Nan Patrick** cozying up to a couple cows in a muddy farmyard. She's clad in a glamorous red evening gown, long black gloves, a huge grin and manure-covered boots; her cow friend is wearing a matching red rope.

The "Haute Cowture" calendar was shot by **Jeff Clarke** and designed by **Craig Bailey** of [illegible] Precision Media. It retails for $15 and can be found at local book stores and other outlets.

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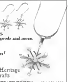

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Tribute to a Local Radio Legend

BY LEON THOMPSON

FROM MYSPACE PAGE

"Why is it the good people that make your life full of joy are always the first ones to go?"

A MySpace user who identified himself as "Cody F" posed that query about **Gerald "G.G." Griggs** two days after Griggs, a popular on-air personality at St. Albans' WLFE country radio, died in a car crash. He was 50.

Griggs — also a singer-songwriter and poet — was traveling north on Bushey Road to Swanton at about 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 when he veered sharply off a lefthand curve and struck a large tree. His car burst into flames. Rescue workers extricated Griggs, but he succumbed to his injuries at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington.

Vermont country radio fans are in mourning. Griggs was a lovable guy with an infectious on-air demeanor and a singing voice recalling that of Don Williams.

Griggs worked at WLFE as host of the Saturday morning show "North Country Trading Post" and then became host of "North Country Friday Nights," which showcased local talent. Often he slept on the studio couch on Friday so he'd be ready for his Saturday show, even though he lived just a short walk away.

WLFE listeners woke daily to Griggs, and he wowed them with his vast knowledge of and passion for country music. He wanted to meet Merle Haggard, George Jones or Tanya Tucker, but he never did. Of his own songwriting skills, he said on his MySpace page: "I put a pen to paper, a melody to lyrics and play my guitar as I sing a song."

Griggs was born in Morrisville and grew up in Craftsbury. He was playing guitar by age 13 and writing country music before high school graduation. He also wrote — and lived — gospel music. His songs have titles such as "Happiest Tears," "Prettiest Peach on the Tree" and "Uncrossed Ts and Open As," a song he wrote for his son-in-law Alex, while the latter served in Iraq.

After Griggs died, online tributes popped up quickly on his MySpace page. Keeghan Nolan, a fast-rising 15-year-old country singer from Fairfield, wrote: "You have inspired me and have helped me develop into the songwriter and singer I am today. I will continue on with my music, and you will always be a huge part of my career. Thank you for all you have done for me."

Though Griggs earned his fans, he inherited heart disease. After two bypass surgeries and heart attacks, he underwent a heart transplant at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, in June 2000. He subsequently devoted much of his time to organ-donor awareness, and twice participated in the U.S. Transplant Games — once as a singer during closing ceremonies.

On his MySpace page, Griggs listed two heroes: Steven Giangrosso, his 18-year-old heart donor — whose parents he met — and "anyone who may give of their flesh before or after death so another may continue to live."

Despite his physical challenges, Griggs' enthusiasm for life was clearly heartfelt. "You touched so many lives with your music, whether it be on the radio or through your writing, [or] your coaching of softball and soccer," wrote his daughter Jolena Griggs, 25, on MySpace. "So many lives were touched by you, but mine especially . . . You were a great teacher, father, friend."

Griggs leaves behind another daughter and son, as well as two grandchildren.

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Last week the increasingly tech-savvy **Champlain College** announced its latest innovative major: digital filmmaking. The new Bachelor of Science degree allows students to focus on four genres — narrative/dramatic, documentary, experimental or industrial/educational. Its co-directors are **Karen Kleve** and **Nancy Kerr**. The filmmaking program joins other hip curricula in electronic game development and multimedia design and broadcasting. . . . Where's the wisely witty Mark Twain when you need him? Next week, he'll be in Essex Junction. On Wednesday, November 28, the Brownell Library presents "Mark Twain Talks: Advice to Humanity." Of course, "America's greatest humorist" isn't exactly taking the stage — he died in 1910. In his place is **Barn Budd**, an impersonator based in Marshfield, Mass., who's been traveling with his own Twain show since 2002, according to his website, www.marktwaintalks.com. Budd revisits some of his character's famously self-deprecating lectures in "Advice to Humanity," offering instruction on stealing, swearing and lying, and warning against jumping to conclusions. Oughta send this man to the State Department. Budd/Twain's 7 p.m. show is free. Info, 878-6955.

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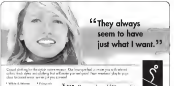
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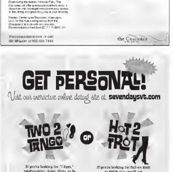
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Curses, Foiled Again Vincent Carl Schettner, 63, became the prime suspect in the theft of thousands of dollars from parking meters in St. Paul, Minn., because he made frequent large deposits to his personal bank account, always in quarters and dollar coins. A suspicious teller alerted police after spotting Schettner at his job collecting coins from city parking meters. Interviews with other tellers at two bank branches disclosed that Schettner's weekly coin deposits totaled $1000 to $1200. The average customer makes only one large coin transaction a year, usually about $300 to $400. Schettner also gave conflicting accounts as to how he obtained the coins.

• Authorities investigating the theft of $13,000 worth of computer and satellite-navigation equipment from a business in Australia's Queensland state identified a 54-year-old Casino man as their suspect because five days later he plugged in a stolen GPS unit, sending its location to the victims, who notified police. "We were fairly confident he was going to be silly enough to plug it in because it looks like something to plug in," said Murray Griffith, business development manager at Fleetlink GPS. When police went to the transmitted coordinates, they discovered most of Fleetlink's missing gear, plus thousands of dollars worth of other stolen items.

Black and White and Red All Over Angry calls and emails caused a Detroit disc jockey to cancel a party that would have let "light skinned" black women into a downtown club for free. "I didn't think there would be a backlash," said Ulysses "DJ Lush" Barnes, promoter of the "Light Skin Libra Birthday Bash," who describes himself as "dark skinned." He told the *Detroit News* the event was to have been the first in a series, followed by "Sexy Chocolate" and "Sexy Caramel."

• A British school admitted "an error of judgment" after parents objected to arranging pupils for the school photograph by the color of their skin. Sandhurst Junior School in Lewisham, South London, grouped more than 100 boys and girls, ages 7 to 11, from the lightest skinned to the darkest. *The Daily Mail* reported the photographer suggested the arrangement so he wouldn't have to rearrange his light reflectors.

Coalition of the Unsuspecting The United States signed an agreement with Mongolia that will allow Mongolian ships to be boarded and searched if they are suspected of carrying weapons of mass destruction. Mongolia lies thousands of miles from open waters and has no navy, although international maritime authorities recognize its tiny merchant marine, comprising 62 ships, as one of 32 "flag of convenience" countries.

Nearer Allah to Thee Malaysia published a guidebook for Muslims in space, timed to coincide with the mission of its first astronaut, Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, 35. The 18-page "Guidelines for Performing Islamic Rites at the International Space Station" tells how to perform ablutions, determine the location of Mecca when praying, prayer times and how to fast in space. Abdullah Md Zin, a minister for religious affairs, told the *Star* newspaper the guidebook will be translated into English, Russian, Arabic and other languages for the benefit of future Muslim astronauts. The first Muslim in space, Saudi Prince Sultan bin Salman, reported that although he managed to pray and fast, he wasn't able to face Mecca and couldn't fully kneel on the ground.

• Malaysia will join Iran and Turkey to build the first "Islamic car." Noting the vehicle would be aimed at the global export market, Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamed Tahir, managing director of Malaysian automaker Proton, explained, "The car will have all the Islamic features," including a compass to find the direction to Mecca and a compartment for holding prayer scarves and a Koran.

Educational TV Michael W. Hobbs, 36, who pleaded guilty to five counts of burglary in Richmond, Ky., told police he learned how to rob homes by watching the Discovery Channel. The show "It Takes a Thief" features two ex-convicts who show techniques burglars use to break into homes.

Gun or Just Glad to See Me? Police officers chasing an armed robbery suspect caught up with Steven McDermott, 49, in La Verne, Calif., after he abandoned a stolen cab and ran up an embankment. According to Sgt. Cliff Mathews, the suspect reached for his waistband, and an officer shot and wounded him. McDermott admitted afterward he had been reaching for a phallic sex toy in an effort to dispose of it. "Evidently, he had it tethered to his belt loop," Mathews said, "for whatever reason."

Monsignor Wide Stance After Vatican official Monsignor *Tommaso Stenico* was secretly videotaped making sexual advances to a young man and telling him gay sex wasn't sinful, he denied being gay. Instead, he insisted, he was only pretending to be gay in order to gather information about "those who damage the image of the Church with homosexual activity." *La Repubblica* newspaper quoted Stenico as saying he "was a victim of my own attempts to contribute to cleaning up the Church."

When Guns Are Outlawed Greek police said two men armed only with ketchup ambushed a supermarket employee as he was taking cash to the bank. "The thieves jumped out of the bushes and threw two bags of ketchup on the front window to stop the car," a police official said, noting the attackers fled with only 400 euros of the 140,000 euros the man was carrying.

It's for Sex, Not Fun The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) announced it is suing Pfizer Inc. because it wants the courts to bar the drug company from marketing Viagra as a lifestyle or sexual enhancement drug. The nonprofit organization said Pfizer's actions have led to risky behavior by men and an increase in HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. "Pfizer has created and contributed to the perception of Viagra as a safe, sexy, lifestyle, recreational drug, to be frequently used regardless of the degree or even existence of" erectile dysfunction, the group said.

AHF pointed to several Viagra promotions from recent years that AHF president Michael Weinstein said made Viagra sound like a "party drug" that can make sex more pleasurable for healthy men — a claim the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved. Men in the ads also look much younger than Pfizer's earlier Viagra pitchman, former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, who is in his eighties. "Bob Dole has been replaced by the hunky 40-something guy who looks like he can really have a good time," Weinstein said. "The message they are sending out is that any and every male should take it."

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Dear Cecil:
Since you're on an energy kick these days, I thought I would ask you: How viable is cellulosic ethanol?
Rob Dennett, via email

Hang on, Rob — let's back up a bit just to make sure everyone's on board.

Until very recently, when Americans talked about ethanol as fuel, they were talking mainly about ethanol made from corn. Thanks (in part) to bountiful government subsidies and lousy public transit, two of our big national weaknesses are growing more corn than we need and using more gasoline than we should. So it made a certain kind of short-sighted, conservation-averse sense to try and address both at once: We'll just make gas out of corn! (If you could run cars on old episodes of "Law & Order," we'd have licked foreign oil dependency years ago.)

Asked a few years back about the merits of corn ethanol production, I noted that the very process of turning corn into car juice required lots of fossil fuels — more than equivalent in energy content, some experts argued, to what you get out of it. Thus, because of all those subsidies, America's big ethanol push boiled down to a massive and inefficient transfer of (a) energy from one form to another and (b) money from taxpayers to agri-behemoth Archer Daniels Midland.

Naturally, other qualified folks saw it differently, and neither side has since conceded any ground. Fact is, there are so many variables in play here and so little consensus on how to approach them that at times it's hard to say if the assorted pundits are even answering the same question. Some researchers include the value of coproducts (corn oil, animal feed) resulting from ethanol manufacture, others don't; various assumptions are made about farming efficiency and crop yields, etc, etc.

In a 2005 presentation, Michael Wang of Argonne National Laboratory — a leading voice among the ethanol-makes-sense majority — claimed that using corn-based ethanol instead of gasoline leads to moderate greenhouse gas reductions. But Nobel-winning chemist Paul Crutzen argued earlier this year that any such reduction is more than canceled out by emissions from the fertilizer used to grow the corn.

One thing Wang and Crutzen agree on, though, is that the balance sheet for cellulosic ethanol is substantially better. (Finally, Rob says.) Instead of relying on the starchy (i.e., typically edible) parts of food plants, cellulosic ethanol can be produced from the more abundant and less usable stuff — stalks, stems, straw, et al. — or even from hardier and faster-growing crops altogether, such as hybrid trees or switchgrass, thus theoretically reducing competition for the use of food crops. (Some tie recent corn price spikes in Mexico to increased ethanol demand, though this may be overblown.)

There is a relatively new and pretty cutting-edge process employing genetically engineered enzymes and bacteria, gasifiers (which convert solid biomass into a gas to feed the hungry bacteria), and lots more high-tech stuff. It may require little or no fossil fuel, as the woody matter (lignin) in the plant fiber can be used to generate the needed power.

The major catch, as you might guess, is that it's expensive. As of 2005, it cost about $2.25 to make a gallon of cellulosic ethanol, and that's before you've gotten it anywhere near a pump. (Corn ethanol can cost half that if corn prices are down.) Currently no producers are operating at real commercial-scale output levels, and assumptions about future efficiency may well be overoptimistic. True, research is advancing quickly, and this year the Energy Department started handing out $385 million for six test-bed cellulosic ethanol refineries. But federal energy policy calls for lots of ethanol fairly soon — a June Senate bill wants 36 billion gallons in use by 2022, seven times what we're producing now — so in the short run most demand will be met by corn.

OK, but will it be viable later? Depends what you mean. If you're looking for a cure-all fuel that we can just substitute for gas and thereby keep on doing what we've been doing, no, cellulosic ethanol isn't it — and barring the arrival by spaceship of some advanced and benevolent race, nothing is. A major report on future motor fuels published by the EU in March saw significant benefits, depending on the process used, in ethanol made from wheat or sugar beets (they don't grow much corn in Europe) and great potential for ethanol made from cellulose. But one of its key conclusions was that for now at least, there's no single route to greater energy sustainability. "A wider variety of fuels," the report predicts, "may be expected in the market," possibly to be used in different blends for assorted niche applications. So: besides improving fuel economy, we'll need to diversify, and up-and-coming fuels such as cellulosic ethanol will almost certainly have a role to play. Not such a sexy vision of the automotive future, perhaps, but it beats hoping for the miracle fuel that'll preserve our current way of life.

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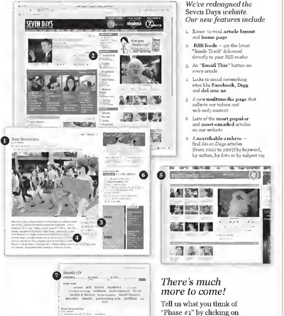

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Zumba Mama

Latin-inspired moves put the s-e-x in exercise

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For the month of November, all of Gen Burnell's Zumba classes at Fitness Options in South Burlington will be free and open to the public. (Regular rates are $12 for drop-ins and $80 for a 10-class punch card.) Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6:15 p.m., and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.zumbavermont.com or call 754-3478.

Nobody, to my knowledge, has ever called me *mami* — "sexy" in Spanish slang. Salsa is something I buy at Shaw's, not a dance I would perform in public. And my merengue has always been as stiff as, well, a meringue. But somehow I find myself intrigued by Zumba, a Latin dance and fitness class that recently arrived in the Burlington area thanks to instructor Gen Burnell.

"My one-hour class incorporates foot work and body movements from flamenco, salsa, merengue and other traditional Latin dance moves, combined with aerobics and interval training," writes Burnell in an email. "This is the exercise that doesn't feel like an exercise — the time flies and it's more like a dance party than anything."

After months of watching the minutes tick by on a treadmill while my infant daughter plays at the gym's nursery, I'm ready for my workout time to fly. Never mind that my dance parties usually result in broken vases on the living-room floor and that I long ago deemed myself genetically incapable of following aerobics moves. I email Burnell back, saying I'm interested in Zumba. She signs me up for an early November class at South Burlington's Fitness Options studio.

"I'm still in my introductory and beginner phase," Burnell promises. "Although it does get pretty fast paced — I'm not going to lie."

In advance of the Saturday morning class, I do some research and learn that Zumba's growth since it first arrived in the United States has been nearly as fast paced as its moves. The new fitness fad took its first steps leaning on Colombian trainer Beto Perez, who improvised a Latin aerobics class in the mid-1990s.

Perez brought the class to the States in 1999 and found two partners who helped him establish a company to teach it everywhere. More than 9000 instructors now demo the moves in 30-plus countries, and more than 3 million instructional DVDs have sold, making Zumba "the world's largest Latin-inspired fitness system," according to the organization. (OK, maybe it's the world's *only* Latin-inspired fitness system. Unless you count the Lambada.)

Burnell, who grew up in Underhill, discovered Zumba in early 2006 while living in Portland, Maine. "I've never been able to stick to an exercise plan, and the idea of going to a gym and just walking on a treadmill was terrifying to me," she tells me by phone on the Friday before the class. "And I'm not a dancer. I had no dance training whatsoever. But with Zumba, I looked up and 45 minutes had gone by and I couldn't believe it — it was so much fun."

Zumba classes combined with a Weight Watchers program helped Burnell lose 25 pounds. In September 2006, she became a certified Zumba instructor, and a move back to Vermont in February 2007 gave her a new place to ply the trade. Since May, the Colchester resident — now also the director of communications for the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce — has been teaching Zumba at Fitness Options to some half a dozen students.

"Interest is growing," Burnell says as she reminds me to wear yoga-type clothes and court shoes to class. (Running shoes inhibit side-to-side motion.) "But putting Zumba into words is a very hard thing to do."

Indeed, it's hard to put into words just what I'm doing as I attempt to follow Burnell's "funky walk," which kicks off class the next day. The 27-year-old instructor moves like J. Lo, all hips and

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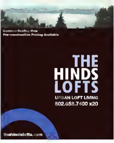

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boots and loose arms. I move like a Buckingham Palace guard who's tippled a pint too many.

"You got it!" Burnell tells me and four other students as she claps. A slow song on Spanish guitar plays on the stereo. "Just walk in place with a little bit of funk."

This is more funny than funky, I think, giggling as I imagine what my friends and family would say if they could see me trying to shimmy my shoulders.

Every once in a while, for inspiration, I glance over at Alice Day-Aparicio, who has Puerto Rican roots. She lived in New York City for 30 years before moving to Vermont, and she's driven all the way from Proctor to attend today's class. "It's an easy way to exercise, have fun and get a good workout," Day-Aparicio affirms.

I wouldn't classify the "hip-hop lunge" that Burnell now demonstrates as "easy," but once I stop thinking about what I look like, I start to get the hang of it. Now I'm moving more like a deranged marionette. It's a step in the right direction, I figure. "A vivir!" yells Burnell, encouraging us.

Zumba rules dictate that 70 percent of the music must be Latin or international. The next song on Burnell's line-up is the Reggaeton hit "Gasolina," by someone called Daddy Yankee, I learn later. "Da me mas gasolina," the stereo booms as we deepen the moves in our hips. Just as I'm feeling the heat, Burnell switches to the up-tempo "You're the One That I Want," by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, to accompany some foot stomping and arm movements. Next comes a super speedy version of Lil Jon's "Get Low."

"Whoo-hoo, take it across!" Burnell shouts as we start scudding back and forth across the hardwood floor. "You're doing awesome!"

Unlike other fitness classes that focus constantly on muscle, Zumba lets participants get loose with their bodies. When Lil Jon sings, "Now stop (O) then wiggle wit it," we really do. And during the next song — a remix of Bow Wow Wow's "I Want Candy" — Burnell reminds us to let our gummy parts go. "Perfect — it's all jelly right here, no muscle!" she says, pointing to her belly.

Zumba does have its strength-training components, however. Toward the end of the class, when I'm shaking it like Shakira, Burnell guides us into some arm lifts with 3-pound weights, and then into the "butts and guts" portion, during which we do crunches and bridges. Eventually, the class cools with stretching to another slow, Latin-inspired song.

I look at the clock and notice that an hour has gone by. It has been the fastest and most fun hour of exercise I've ever experienced. Fun, in fact, seems to be the one word everyone associates with Zumba.

"It's a fun challenge," says Camille Selvaggi, a Williston resident who has become one of Burnell's regulars in the last few months.

After just one Zumba class, I'm not ready to show off my salsa and merengue moves to anyone else. But a few more and I might be one step closer to a *mami*.

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Back from Iraq, a Vermont National Guard chaplain reflects on his service

by Ken Picard

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The death of any Vermont soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan hits close to home for Lieutenant Colonel Charles Purinton, but none was closer than that of Army PFC Adam Muller. When the 21-year-old was killed on November 5 by a roadside bomb in Tal Al-Dahab, Iraq, Purinton, as chaplain for the Vermont Army National Guard, was part of the casualty notification team that informed his family members of their loss.

It wasn't Purinton's first experience with breaking tragic news to the family of a soldier or Marine killed in action — he's had to perform this duty dozens of times, he says, since the war began in March 2003. In fact, Purinton wrote the book on how it's done — literally. He penned the Vermont National Guard's SOP, or standard operating procedure, for casualty notifications, and he trains other officers to perform the ritual. Such notifications may require Purinton to travel hundreds of miles on very short notice.

This time, Purinton didn't have far to go at all — Muller was from his hometown of Richmond. In fact, last year, Purinton's wife, Barbara, who is a minister at the Richmond Congregational Church, officiated at Michelle and Adam Muller's wedding. Last Thursday she officiated at Adam's funeral.

For some, being the messenger of untimely death would be a test of faith. Not so for Purinton, who served as chaplain for the Vermont National Guard's Task Force Saber during its one-year deployment in Iraq in 2005. Purinton says his combat experience only reinforced his faith in God, and heightened his awareness of the [illegible] between our mundane, earthly reality and the spiritual realm.

Recently Purinton — or Charlie, as his friends and family know him — got another reminder of how this [illegible] manifests itself. It was a Sunday, shortly after he'd notified the Muller family of Adam's death, and one day after a candlelight vigil was held at Camel's Hump Middle School for Muller and other fallen veterans. Purinton was walking along the Winooski River with his granddaughter, gathering trash as he often does on such outings, when he spotted a half-buried bottle lying on the ground along the riverbank.

"I pulled it out of the bottle and there was a piece of paper rolled up inside," Purinton recalls. "I could read it through the plastic. It said, 'Congratulations! You found me!' The note was signed, 'Adam.'"

Make no mistake: Purinton is no mystic or starry-eyed clergyman. He's as standard G.I. as they come: decked out in a standard formal dress uniform, with silver oak leaves on the shoulders, sharply creased trousers and black shoes polished to a high shine. His demeanor is disciplined and professional. At 58, he's older than most of his fellow guardsmen, though he stays as active and fit as they do. Only the silver cross on his chest and the lapel pin that reads, *Pro Deo et Patria* — For God and Country — reveal his unique purpose in the Vermont National Guard.

Purinton didn't plan to become a military man of the cloth when he went off to the seminary. A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, he moved to Vermont at 18 when his father got a job working in the Maple Valley Ski Area. Ordained in 1974 as a minister in the United Church of Christ, Purinton actually hoped to follow in the footsteps of his old boarding-school chaplain — a role model and mentor — but he couldn't find a job at a Vermont school. After a six-month stint with the Norwich Congregational Church, Purinton spent the next two years as a mental-health worker at the Brattleboro Retreat. "It prepared him for some of the psychological stresses soldiers endure."

Barbara and Charlie Purinton met in Vermont through a mutual friend and were married in 1978. For a time, the couple worked together as co-pastors in Jeffersonville, Danville and North Danville. Then, in 1982, Purinton joined the Vermont National Guard full-time. "It was definitely a ministry I felt called to," he says. "We were coming out of the Vietnam War years."

Only two people advised Purinton against becoming a chaplain, he recalls. Ironically, one was the officer who had first recruited him. He felt Purinton wasn't up to the task. Then there was Purinton's mother. She lived through World War II and had seen almost every male she'd known go off to war, some of whom never returned. She didn't want her son to meet a similar fate.

Nevertheless, Purinton was drawn to the [illegible] of military life, especially the soldiers' sense of order and the ethical challenges that arose from it. "The laws of war are fairly simple: It's kill or be killed," Purinton explains. "But as war has changed, now it's not that simple anymore."

Operation Iraqi Freedom was Purinton's first foray into a war zone. Until then, much of his time had been spent assisting civilians, working in the family program coordination with the Vermont National Guard between 1988 and 2000, then later as the Guard's education and services officer.

When Task Force Saber left Vermont in January 2005, Purinton joined them and was stationed in Ramadi for a year. Among the scars

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than 900 soldiers in the 1-172 Armor Battalion. Purinton was one of the few unarmed noncombatants. His mission, like that of any military chaplain, was to advise his commander on all matters dealing with morals, religion and morale.

That's no easy assignment in the hostile and unforgiving environment of Iraq. Every day, Purinton had a long list of souls to counsel. On a typical day, he'd be awake by 5 a.m. and often wouldn't get to bed before 11 p.m. Purinton worked seven days per week, but, unlike the other soldiers, kept no fixed schedule and had to be ready at a moment's notice for whatever duties came his way.

IN CAMP RAMADI, IRAQ

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I never found a soldier who did not have a fairly mature spirituality. And if they didn't, with my assistance they acquired it.

LT. COL. CHARLES PURINTON, VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD CHAPLAIN

The chaplain had his hands full within the square mile that was Camp Ramadi, which occasionally sustained rocket fire. In addition to his regular duties, Purinton supported a medical company and its forward surgical team. He also volunteered to work in the camp's morgue.

"If they knew they had someone dead coming in, they'd give me a call," Purinton says matter-of-factly. When discussing such grisly affairs, Purinton exudes an almost clinical detachment from the subject. There's none of the tearful uncertainty or quivering voice of *M*A*S*H's* Father Mulcahy. Whatever war stories Purinton has accumulated, he keeps them close to his chest.

When a soldier was killed in the field, Purinton would meet the mortuary affairs officer and the other surviving soldiers, then gather all the details about what happened and start the wheels in motion for notifying the family back in the states. In the age of international cellphones, embedded reporters and laptop emails from the battlefield, time is of the essence, and the military moves quickly to ensure that family members receive the news in an appropriate, timely and confidential manner.

"I was praying from the moment I woke up to the moment I went to sleep, and even in my dreams at times," Purinton recalls of his year in Iraq. "I walked for miles every day on visits. In between that time, I'd pray over the next thing I had to do."

In one respect, his work was less hazardous than that of his fellow soldiers. He made the decision early on not to go "outside the wire" of the camp's boundaries, "because I figured they'd be wasting their energy protecting me, and the soldiers thanked me very much for that," Purinton says. "I also knew I could not be easily replaced. There wasn't another chaplain coming up behind me."

While the camp's medical teams patched up the wounded, Purinton's job was to try to make their fellow soldiers psychologically and spiritually whole again. "The medical or soldier crews would save the people who were extremely upset for me to see, so that my presence and counsel at that time of crisis would get that soldier back in the game," he says. "They wouldn't want to go out again as a squad unless they were all a complete and emotionally strong unit again."

How did Purinton take care of himself? "I knew I had the training and I had the skills," he says of his spiritual preparation. "I was mainly concerned about my body holding out because of my age and the environment we were in."

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One thing people are surprised to find out about me is... I am from the deep South, born in Mobile, AL, and lived on Dauphin Island until my father was transferred to Jamestown, RI, where I grew up from the second grade on. I had lived on an island my whole life before moving to Stowe in 1994 when I purchased the inn. Now I am land-locked in the mountains and love it.

The song title that most accurately reflects my life is... "On a Walkabout" by Red Hot Chili Peppers.

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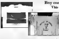

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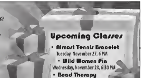

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Three days per week, Purinton trained with the camp's medical company, whose commander was a 7-foot-2 Navy SEAL. Purinton rested whenever his workload allowed it.

Prior to his deployment, Purinton underwent critical-incident stress-management training, the kind that's given to civilian police, fire and EMS workers to help them cope with the more horrific aspects of their jobs.

But handling spiritual dilemmas required just as much mettle as handling the dead. The military's rules of engagement clearly address what is legally right or wrong when an innocent civilian is injured or killed. But the fog of war can make the moral landscape much trickier to navigate.

"There are gray areas which evaporate in the face of self-defense," Purinton explains. "But a lot of the time, there is no answer. So the challenge is helping the soldier deal with no answer."

Even on more routine spiritual matters, the chaplain's job of providing leadership and guidance in a war zone is further complicated by the demographics of today's fighting forces. Despite the age-old adage that "There are no atheists in foxholes," Purinton is [illegible] that the religious composition of the military is very different now than it was, say, 30 years ago. Today, about 50 percent of all soldiers do not belong to one specific faith or religious denomination.

In one respect, that can complicate matters, Purinton says, especially when counseling a soldier in crisis or offering solace to a grieving parent or widow. On the other hand, he says, more religious diversity amongst the troops allows him greater freedom and creativity and offers him more traditions to draw from — including poetry, art, literature and even popular music.

Anecdotally, Purinton found that those soldiers who arrived in Iraq with a strong spiritual or religious grounding tended to fare better than those who did not, regardless of their faith. "They needed it in order to do what they were doing," he says. "They would see that somebody who had it was stronger than they were, and it wasn't a matter of whether they were a better shot or not.

"I never found a soldier who did not have a fairly mature spirituality. And if they didn't, with my assistance they acquired it," he says, with a laugh.

Purinton discovered that most "spiritual ferment" didn't occur within "Sober Chapel" — a makeshift house of worship surrounded by concrete blast walls that looked more like a bomb shelter than a traditional church. Instead, he says, many debates about faith occurred in the barracks or while soldiers were out on patrol.

"They had 12 hours at a time to talk, night after night, day after day, with the same people," Parenton explains. "And they would talk about something until they'd exhausted all the possibilities of the conversation, and then they go on to something else."

For his own part, Parenton says that while his work was demanding and often stress-inducing, he never experienced crises in his own faith. "I expected it to be bad, and it was," he says. "Some chaplains expected it to be good, and it wasn't, and they had a lot of trouble dealing with that."

Meanwhile, back in Vermont
Barbara Parenton had a double deployment to deal with. While her husband was in Iraq, their daughter, Caitlin — a sergeant in the Army National Guard — was stationed in Kuwait. On a trip out to the compost pile one morning, Barbara recalls, it suddenly dawned on her that she was experiencing "anticipatory grief" — that is, the expectation that someone like Charlie was going to show up at her front door in full dress uniform to convey tragic news.

Eventually, she says, that feeling subsided somewhat, though occasionally she'd visit Camp Johnson in Colchester just to be around people who understood what she was going through.

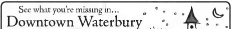
After Charlie came back from Iraq, Barbara says she could see how the experience had affected him. The Christmas after his return, some neighbors were blowing up fireworks, and the lights were reflecting off the woods behind their house. "Charlie was not happy with that," she recalls.

But Barbara Parenton believes her husband's time in Iraq expanded his capacity for offering solace and spiritual guidance to other people. Recently, she got a phone call from a local business that had an employee who was feeling suicidal. Barbara discovered the employee was a combat veteran.

"I called Charlie and he took care of it, because he's been through war," she says. "Now, he can reach out to people in a whole different way."

Parenton agrees. These days he spends more time with vets than he ever did, in part because he can relate better to them since his own experience in the war zone. And while the job of notifying a family of a loss never gets any easier, Parenton says his time in Iraq also gave him a much greater appreciation for the relationships that are forged during life-or-death situations.

"Anybody who routinely exposes themselves to life-threatening danger and does it with a group of people develops a special camaraderie in that group. You can't duplicate it anywhere else," he says. "I don't go after it and I don't necessarily suggest people do this." If he's called up again, though, Parenton says he'll serve. ⓩ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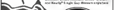

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Henry James: The Mature Master by Sheldon Novick, Random House, 611 pages. $35.

For readers of American fiction, the expatriate novelist Henry James is sort of like the Boston Red Sox. You're either a diehard fan or a firm dissenter. Some of James' thick, domestic fiction might seem pretentious and old fashioned — remember 10th-grade English? But more than a few literary buffs consider him one of the greatest writers *ever*.

Literary stylists have trouble staying current, especially when they're dead. James, though, is still a force in contemporary culture. His novels have been made into award-winning plays and movies; he is frequently referenced in magazines and widely revered by contemporary fiction writers in the United States, the U.K. and beyond.

Since his death in 1916, James has spawned reams of lit crit. This week, the tradition continues when a new biography entitled *Henry James: The Mature Master* hits the shelves. The second installment of a two-volume tome on the author, the book was written by Sheldon Novick, a Norwich native and longtime professor at Vermont Law School in South Royalton.

In *Mature Master*, Novick quotes from stacks of archival correspondence, some of it recently released. The result is a lively read that takes a page from James' own playbook. Just as the latter's late novels operate from directly within the minds of their narrators, Novick's bio is based largely on James' own observations of daily life as documented in letters to friends, family members and lovers.

Like its predecessor, *Henry James: The Young Master* (Random House, 1996), *Mature Master* celebrates James' accomplishments without shying away from his darker side. Through a 500-page narrative that trails the writer's jaunts among London, Paris, Rome and Boston, Novick highlights transformations in James' style against the background of a shifting cultural milieu. All the while, he carefully depicts the recurring spells of depression, creative anxiety and heartbreak that accompanied James' public success.

Biography can be a dusty, erudite enterprise. But it has its hotbeds of controversy, and Novick is right at the center of one. The Vermont author claims his work corrects errors in that of two other prominent James biographers —

HENRY JAMES IN HIS GARDEN 1894

who vehemently disagree with his assessment. Those two scribes, Leon Edel and Fred Kaplan, have the support of University of Vermont President Dan Fogel, a lifelong James junkie who founded the *Henry James Review* and the Henry James Society in the late 1970s. Though he respects Novick's "empathy" for James, Fogel calls Novick's treatment of his subject's sexuality "questionable."

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What's all the fuss about? And why do flowery prose and 19th-century social mores still matter to a land of Dan Browns and Paris Hiltons?

On a recent Tuesday evening, Novick welcomes a reporter into his modest Norwich home. The man's shingled digs rest on a sloping country lane a few hundred yards from a horse farm. Novick, 66, is slender, loquacious and grandfatherly. Like James, who lived mainly in Europe, he has tastes that hark back to the Old World. The red walls of Novick's living room, for instance, are covered in 19th-century pastoral landscapes; his shelves sag with books on Impressionism. The whole scene recalls a London drawing room, minus the Londoners and snuff.

These accoutrements reflect not a vague nostalgia for the past but a lifelong passion. A legal historian, Novick is particularly fond of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His first biography, *Honorable Justice* (Little, Brown & Co., 1989), documented the life of Henry James' friend and contemporary, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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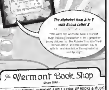
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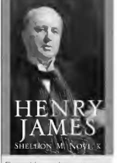
torical moment, and in the development of ideas that you could see happening between the Holmes and James families," he explains, sipping a cup of chamomile tea over the melody of a Bach cello sonata. Novick suggests that James' writings, which span the Victorian and Modernist periods, offer snapshots into "the origin of the modern world."

Producing a doorstop-sized biography of James took some time — like, almost 20 years. For one, James' half-century of literary output dwarfs contemporary standards of "prolific" — he cranked out more than two dozen novels and a steady stream of stories, reviews, plays and travel essays. In addition, the man maintained a busy transcontinental social life sans cellphone. That means he left behind mountains of letters and journal entries.

"I confess I thought it was going to be easy," Novick notes of his project with a laugh. Previously, he recalls, "I had done a lot of work on the [historical] background and on Holmes. I thought, 'Oh, Henry James. I'll just fill that in.' But it took quite a while."

While *Young Master* spans a little-documented period — the author's childhood — Novick's latest work finds James at the peak of his career and the center of an international literary scene. Hence *Mature Master* required tons of research in such places as the New York Public Library and Harvard University, which houses the largest archive of James family correspondence in the country.

Like a good biographer, Novick also traveled to libraries and important locations in Russia, France, Italy and the U.K., where he literally trod the terrain of James' prose. "I had tea at Hardwicke, which is the country house where James' novel *The Portrait of a Lady*



From *Henry James: The Mature Master*

Through lifelong study, like the painters who delved into the mechanism of seeing, the representation of perspective and the anatomy of color, James had found a perhaps fundamental mechanism of representative art, even of civilized community. The scattered adverbs and adjectives compose themselves into a solid figure by touching the keys of response in the reader, the general forms and qualities into which our nervous system analyzes perceptions, and reflexively imagines itself into the moment. His words are like the line drawings in perspective that we see as rounded, three-dimensional objects. His medium was the solitary imagination, but his subject was his passionate understanding, "love's knowledge" in Martha Nussbaum's precise phrase, of the strong forces that draw people together, despite all jealousies and violence. James prompts us to use a sense that combines intelligence and emotion, that allows us to imagine each other's experience and to enact in imagination the bare descriptions that we read, as if they were stage directions; he is the artist of empathy.

opens," Novick recalls, nibbling a piece of cheddar cheese. "The current owner was proud that her house was a landmark of literature."

That may sound like a pleasant — almost a *Jamesian* — way to pass the time. But for biographers, any process of documenting a life carries tricky ethical implications: it's hard to evoke personal details without reading too much into a subject's behavior. In the case of Henry James, that conundrum is especially pronounced. Though a cosmopolitan raconteur, the author was highly protective of his privacy. Plus, his only autobiography deals mainly with his childhood, so any assessment of James' adult life is bound to be speculative.

According to Novick, that's no excuse for faulty reporting. He says James' life — and his sexuality in particular — has been mischaracterized by generations of biographers. Early accounts, he claims, presented an image of James as a "fussy old man." In the 1920s, Novick continues, the author — who worked in the European tradition — was marginalized by proponents of an overly macho school of American literature.

It didn't end there, says Novick. Beginning in the 1950s, Leon Edel's five-volume, Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning biography of James — *Henry James: A Life* — took an excessively "psychoanalytical" approach to the author. Two years ago, Novick adds, a historical novel about James' life — *The Master*, by Colm Tóibín — reinforced the "conventional" view of James as a "neurotic figure who wasn't aware of his own feelings."

Henry James' novels "are saturated with self-awareness, passion and sexuality," Novick insists. "The late novels especially are almost *dripping* with sex, and the [received] notion seems to be that it was kind of unconscious. But I stuck to the *conscious* James as I found him in his letters and writings and the observations of his friends — and critics, for that matter." Novick argues that James was an "active" and "ambitious" gay man.

That assertion is up for debate. In a section of *Young Master*, Novick reports that a young James "performed his first act of love" with Holmes in a "shuttered" Cambridge bedroom. After the book came out, however, fellow James biographers Edel and Kaplan sunk their teeth into that passage like a pair of English hunting dogs, describing the

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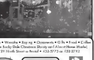

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Vermonter's book as an offense to James scholarship.

In 1996, just a few months before his death, Edel sounded off on Novick's book in an article for *Slate* magazine called "Oh Henry: What Henry James Didn't Do with Oliver Wendell Holmes (or Anyone Else)." Edel began by faulting Novick — a former editor of *Environment* magazine whose first book critiqued the nuclear power industry — for a lack of literary training. He then suggested Novick's book "upsets half a century of scholarship that seems to have clearly shown James was a firm 'bachelor,'" adding that, while Novick "attempts to turn certain ... fancies into fact ... his data is simply too vague for him to get away with it." In a subsequent online letter exchange with Novick, Kaplan called some of the Vermont author's claims "preposterous."

Henry James' novels "are saturated with self-awareness, passion and sexuality," Novick insists.

UVM President Dan Fogel is more diplomatic in his criticism of *Young Master*, but it's clear he has issues with Novick's conclusions. "I think [Novick's] work takes its place in the overall architecture of biographical work on Henry James, and it's not an inconsiderable place," he notes, slinging a Jamesian double negative. But Fogel maintains that Novick doesn't compare to either Edel or Kaplan, who are generally regarded as Henry James "authorities."

Strangely enough, Fogel happens to *like* Novick's first book, albeit mostly for its "imaginative" qualities. (The UVM prez, who hasn't yet read *Mature Master*, suggests Novick's *Young Master* helped lay the groundwork for Toibin's historical novel *The Master* — ironically, since Novick slams that very work for its allegedly distorted portrayal of James.) Still, Fogel respectfully maintains that *Young Master* comes up "weak" on biographical facts.

They may disagree on what happened — or didn't — in Henry James' bedroom in 1865, but Fogel and Novick concur that the author is a towering figure in American literature. Fogel points out that James influenced such authors as Philip Roth and Cynthia Ozick. Novick mentions William Faulkner, Toni Morrison, John Updike and, most recently, Sue Miller.

"Many novelists find James nourishing," Novick suggests. "I think James continues to represent a nearly insane standard of ambition to attain the unachievable: to use print — these little black marks on a page! — to evoke the realities of life vividly experienced and deeply felt."

For this biographer, whose interest in James is more historical than literary, James' writing gets at the heart of modern civilization. Contemporary readers may have a hard time stomaching the intense "morality" of the author's fiction, Novick concedes. But James' happy endings are noteworthy for the way in which they marry "democracy and tradition" — an important theme for Americans seeking to connect with their cultural heritage. "I think that the interest people have in the world before 1914," Novick speculates, "is connected to the feeling that something valuable, maybe, was lost."

Macrocosmic theories aside, Novick is humble when it comes to questions of his own authorial intent. "You know," he says with a blissful sigh, "influences are always kind of mysterious ... You're affected by the people you read whom you like ... but it's always hard to see what the effect has been."

How would the "master" himself react to the controversies swirling around him? Tonight, as stars emerge above this quiet country lane, it's easy to imagine a bemused James perched in a rocking chair, smiling coyly at Novick while nodding along to Bach and sipping tea.

But he might have a pithy comment, too. *Mature Master* quotes from a darkly comical story James wrote around his 50th birthday — "The Middle Years" — in which a dying novelist questions the significance of his own prose. Novick suggests the character may represent James' "alter ego."

We work in the dark — we do what we can — we give what we have, says the writer to a younger man from his deathbed. *Our doubt is our passion and our passion is our task. The rest is the madness of art.* ⑦

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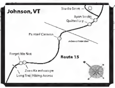

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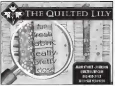

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From Superfund to fun? That's the quickest way to describe Robert Hitzig's path from his former job at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., to owning a gallery in Montpelier, Vermont. In 2004, Hitzig and his wife Mary Jo Krolewski decided they wanted a different lifestyle and a cooler climate. They started scouting small cities in New England. As an environmental scientist, Hitzig was on to global warming before most of us. "We looked at a map and looked at Vermont," he says simply, "and it seemed like the place to go."

The couple traded the nation's capital for the smallest state one, buying a grand Victorian next to the roundabout on Main Street in Montpelier. They refurbished it inside and out, painting all the "gingerbread" a cheerful salmon pink. With four apartments upstairs generating rental income, Hitzig and Krolewski just fit the installation of a riskier business — an art gallery — on the first floor.

Both have self-taught art backgrounds. Krolewski makes pillowy items such as giant *faux* cupcakes out of fabric. Hitzig was a woodworking hobbyist whose love for the medium gradually shifted into a fine-art métier: making whimsical, beautifully crafted wood sculptures. Perhaps to counter a grim global prognosis, the couple let their lightheartedness guide their vision for the gallery.

The Lazy Pear is devoted to Vermont-made art that is playful, quirky or downright funny. The moniker came, Hitzig reveals, from a word-play brainstorming session with a friend. "Someone said 'Laissez-faire,' and someone else said, 'Lazy Pear,'" he recalls, adding with hindsight logic, "Pears are very artsy fruit — you see them all the time in still lifes."

That art-historical reference might be lost on most visitors, despite the pair of pears Hitzig carved on the wooden sign outside. Neither still lifes nor any other classic compositions are likely to be found on these walls and shelves. Not without a twist, anyway. Hitzig says the gallery's identity has evolved a bit to embrace some abstract and surreal art, as well as a few out-of-state artists. But while the work is high in quality and well on the right side of kitschy, a stroll around The Lazy Pear is still a good antidote for gloom.

Hitzig's two-dimensional, wall-hung sculptures are monuments to inner beauty — that is, of trees.

There's the bakery display case filled with Krolewski's fabric food items, and her orange fake-fur benches in the shape of, for example, a Creamsicle. There are black-and-white, cleverly surreal photographic images by Wendy James; portraits of dogs with quizzical faces by Anna Dibble; ceramics in the shape of falling-down buildings and a child-sized toy car by John Brickels; and cute carved animals by Timothy Fisher. There are creepy kid and rabbit-headed figures by Beth Robinson, and Janet Van Fleet's anthropomorphized sticks-and-stones creations

ART STARTER

Bob Hitzig is dedicated to making Vermont's capital city a "destination for the arts," and toward that goal he's contributed more than just a gallery. As a board member of the Montpelier Downtown Community Association, he's spearheaded a monthly Art Walk and advocated for other arts-friendly events.

The MDCA's latest project is "SculptCycle," a public-art partnership that aims to "connect art, business, fitness and environmental communities." The idea is this: A selected group of artists will create sculptures from donated bicycles and parts, to be displayed around downtown Montpelier next summer and fall. With proceeds from a silent and live auction of the works, MDCA will continue to promote the downtown and public art.

Along with being a clever *double entendre*, "SculptCycle" is a project with loads of eco-cachet in the center of green Vermont. Hitzig recently issued a call-to-artists press release. Interested artists can call him at 223-7880. Potential sponsors should call Suzanne Hochner at 223-3604. For more info, visit www.sculptcycle.org. The exhibit and attendant community activities will commence next spring.

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And then there are Hitzig's wood sculptures, scattered around the gallery. Their fanciful expressions belie a left-brain life experience. His "circuitous path," as Hitzig puts it, includes an undergraduate degree in geology and history, a graduate degree in environmental science, and three years as an agro-forester in Africa with the Peace Corps. His work at the EPA, where he specialized in underground storage tanks and waste sites, seems only to have intensified his reverence for nature.

On his website, Hitzig expounds lovingly on his chosen medium: "The natural grain patterns found in wood, the shape, the color and texture are more beautiful than anything I can imagine," he enthuses. "Wood is alive and a work of art itself."

The two-dimensional wall-hung works are indeed monuments to inner beauty — that is, of trees. But Hitzig is still a sucker for animal magnetism, finding figurative elements in the wood's patterns. Most of his works "bookmatch" two cut, planed boards — that is, they mirror each other. "It's my own personal Rorschach test," he suggests. "I look for a face or animal shape first; if I don't see it, I go for abstract."

Hitzig bores out irregular shapes "where the grain pattern creates a place for a hole" — they may approximate eyes and a nose, or just be random design features. Then he fills these negative spaces with dyed epoxy, achieving a sort of stained-glass look. When this dries, the whole surface undergoes a meticulous finishing process that involves layer on layer of tinted shellac and lots of polishing.

"It's called a French polish," Hitzig says. "You take a ball of cloth and mix oil, shellac and alcohol; the oil helps because the shellac and alcohol dry out quickly. It works like a Zamboni on ice," he explains. "It dissolves the previous layer [of shellac] while adding a new one. The result is perfectly flat — no dust, no dull spots or marks."

The finished product looks so lustrous you want to reach out and stroke it, which Hitzig encourages you to do. The shellacking and polishing bring out the ribbony grain — further enhanced by the application of soft color — and make the surface satiny smooth. You can't help thinking, *This would make a gorgeous table top*; after all, it's a look that generations of fine furniture craftsmen have achieved. But while Hitzig *can* make furniture, "I want to focus on art," he insists. "I think it loses value as functional work."

Hitzig's recent collaborative works with painter Corrine Cambrea look like something the Austrian Art Nouveau master Gustav Klimt might have produced if he'd worked in wood. But what sets Hitzig's creations apart from most other art that comes from trees is the marriage of the medium's sensuous beauty and his humorous aesthetic.

A sculpture's shape beckons from across the room. "Living with Ambiguous Directionality" is the title of a piece that vaguely resembles some primitive sea creature. Oriented horizontally, the 13-by-53-inch hunk of curly maple features fish-like "tail fins" and, on the other end, jagged teeth that Hitzig cut with a hand saw and gilded with gold metallic paint.

"Geiselius myrmecophagus" — a title that references both Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel) and the scientific name for anteaters — is a vertical 35-by-16-inch work with a pinkish tint and an appendage connected on top. Yep, it looks like the long-snouted head of an anteater, and this one has real turquoise eyes.

"Castleria vermontensis" is a 32-by-12-inch assemblage with the unmistakable form of a winged insect or butterfly. It even has two metal antennae at the top and another, for good measure, poking from its center.

Many of Hitzig's titles seem lifted from a biology textbook, and his more protozoic shapes resemble something you'd see under a microscope. In other words, he's found a way to indulge his inner science geek while carving out — literally — an identity as quite a different species: fine artist.

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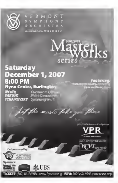
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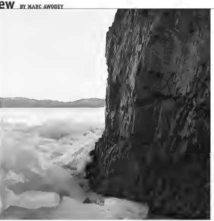

Shadows and Light

EXHIBIT
Gary Hall, "Explorations in Contemporary Luminism," photographs. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington. Through December 29.

ARTWORK
"Cliff and Ice, study 1, Lake Champlain, VT" by Gary Hall

PHOTO
Courtesy of the artist.

South Burlington-based photographer Gary Hall is a masterful technician, capturing light in every square inch of his images. The 20 prints on view in his solo exhibition at the Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, entitled "Explorations in Contemporary Luminism," translate light and shade into magnificent gradations of value from creamy whites to silvery grays to pure, deep blacks. Like the Luminist painters and photographers of the 19th century, Hall captures the natural world. "I am attracted to scenes that hold the promise of their eternal nature," he writes in his artist's statement, "as if they have been there for centuries and will be there for centuries to come." While many photographers try to capture transient moments, Hall targets the enduring qualities of every subject his lens is trained on.

One of the wonders of Planet Earth is the ever-changing nature of water, and nearly all its states of being appear in Hall's photographs. His careful composition and eye for detail imbue mist, rapids and ice with a sculptural quality.

Dating from 2007, "Cliff and Ice, study 1, Lake Champlain, VT" is a 20-by-20-inch picture of contrasts. A dark, craggy cliff face bisects the landscape vertically, and piles of thick, broken ice are heaped around it in the foreground. The smooth surface of Lake Champlain and a gently rolling section of the Adirondacks span the far-off horizon.

Mountain mist, as in a vista in a Chinese landscape painting, dominates "Green Mountains, study 1, New Haven, VT" from 1998. Five trees denuded of leaves stand on a sharply focused rise of land in the foreground of the 24-by-24-inch image. Three successive layers of fog and ridgeline recede into the picture plane. Clouds obscure the sun, so that it becomes a bright blur in the upper left corner of the piece.

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Rapids become mist in "White Water, study 1, New Haven River, Bristol, VT." The 20-by-20-inch 1996 photograph contrasts a rushing torrent in the foreground with a wall of heavily textured dark stones spread over the upper two-thirds of the piece. Just as Hall captures rolling hills in another photo, this one reveals successive boulders. He finds formal unity in different kinds of spaces by breaking down subjects into key shapes and lines. Stories and narratives are less important than graceful, Zen-inspired pictorial elements. Hall notes in his artist's statement, "I hope the viewer to find my work contemplative, meditative and to impart a sense of timelessness."

The 20-by-20-inch "Trees, study 1, Otter Creek, VT" from 2007 has a strong horizontal axis where a thick screen of small trees meets its reflection on a placid, intimate river cove. The background of the trees is bright, with shadows blending into the pattern of vertical lines on the water. "Winter Woods, study 1, Shelburne, VT" is compositionally related. Shot in 1995, it's the earliest piece in the show. It's also the largest, measuring 24 by 30 inches, and records a low sun casting light through another dense stand of tall trees. In this case, shadows lie like an open fan over snowy ground, receding to a vanishing point beyond the copse.

Hall's images were taken with large- and medium-format cameras and reworked with "digital darkroom techniques." The final photographs are artist-quality ink-jet prints. The Luminists of a century ago shared Hall's concerns, but never could have dreamed of his tools.

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GEOFFREY SWAINSON: 'Couples,' paintings and sculpture, and **SANDRA PEARL CAMPBELL:** 'Ponyside,' black-and-white photography. MFA exhibitions at Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1470. Reception and artist talk: November 28, 3 p.m. Through December 9.

TALKS/ EVENTS

LORETTA LANGUET & BASHA KALISH: Holiday open studio featuring salt-fired pottery and pit-fired vessels, respectively. Loretta Languet Pottery, 100 Woods Rd., Fayston, 496-9447. November 24, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., with reception at 8 p.m. After November 25: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Directions info, www.lorettalanguetpottery.com.

NOONTIME ART LECTURE: 'Knitting the Web,' a talk by Kathleen Schneider, associate art prof., in conjunction with a current exhibit. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. November 28, 12:15 p.m.

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'BOATS AROUND THE WORLD': The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum puts a twist on its juried show: The 100 images on view do not include any from Lake Champlain. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 475-2022. Through November.

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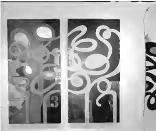

RIDE ON The subtitle of the snowboard show "Decked Out," currently at the Firehouse Gallery, is "art, commerce and snowboarding in collision," and those three elements do co-exist quite nicely in this vibrant show. The original art by eight designers of national renown is featured alongside the snowboards their works appear on. Some of Burton Snowboards' Warhol collection, along with Andy's originals, also appear. Pictured: "207 Custom 158" by a different Andy — California artist Andy Jenkins. The exhibit is on view through December 7.

ONGOING << 49A

CAROLE ROSALYND BOCKY: "Woods and Water," new paintings. Uncommon Grounds, Burlington, 353-8571. Through November.

SUSIE PREVOST: "Here and There," black-and-white photographs from recent journeys by the St. Johnsbury Academy faculty member. 215 College Artists' Cooperative Gallery, Burlington, 863-3662. Through December 8.

CONNER LAMB: "Creative Collections 2007," mixed-media monoprints, printing plates and collagraphs. Tribeca Clothing and Accessories, Burlington, 860-2764. Through November 25.

LIZ DAVIS: Still lifes and landscapes in oil on canvas, and **HARLAN MACK:** Paintings. Red Square, Burlington, 859-8909. Through November.

NATHAN FARB: "Summer of Love," a photographic journal of the East Village during the late 1960s by the Adirondack-area photographer. Burlington College Gallery, 862-9616. Through November.

DAVE DAVIDSON: Serigraphs, Gates 1 & 2, and **LEE ARRINGTON:** Abstract oil paintings, Skyway, and **ROBERT HITZIG:** Wall-hung wooden sculptures, Escalator. Burlington Airport, 865-7100. Through December.

ELI KELLER: "In My Shoes," silver gelatin prints. Firehouse Center Community Darkroom, Burlington, 865-7166. Through January 12.

"DECKED OUT: ART, COMMERCE & SNOWBOARDING IN COLLISION": Burton Snowboards featuring original artwork, including silkscreens by Andy Warhol. Firehouse Gallery, Burlington, 865-7166. Through December 7.

FOUR VERMONT ARTISTS: Abstract mixed media by Steve M. Campbell, oil paintings by Dave Thurston, pastel studies and landscapes by Kate Moalley, and Chinese brush paintings by Changzhi Mao. Artpath Gallery, Wing Building, Burlington, 563-2273. Through January.

J. ARTHUR LOOSE: "The Serpent in the Steel," hand-forged blades by the Vermont artist, and **SUSAN OSMOND:** New paintings. Gomeis Gallery, Burlington, 660-2032. Through November.

"THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE": Video and still images created by Burlington filmmaker Bill Simmon and choreographer Selene Colburn. L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 656-4200. Through November.

"LUMINOSITY": Drawings and lithographs by Pamela Blanco, oil-on-linen paintings by David Maille and giclee prints by Dan O'Donnell, all focusing on color and light. VCAM Space, RETN, Burlington, 651-9692. Through January 2.

ANNE AUSTIN & SKYE FOREST: Landscapes and snow scenes in watercolor and pastel, respectively. Fiddlehead Scientific Gallery, Shelburne, 985-3848. Through November 27.

DAVID KIRSCH & SAGE TUCKER KETCHAM: "Reaction: Abstraction Noise," ink drawings and installation inspired by the vibrations of New York subway cars, and new paintings, respectively. Studio STK, Burlington, 657-3333. Through November 28.

BONNIE ACKER & LIA RAVIS: "Living Images," pastels and oil paintings, and photographs, respectively. Penny Cluse Café, Burlington, 651-8834. Through November 30.

ART FROM VERMONT: A fall show featuring paintings by Marc Awodey and photographs by Marcia Kerr. Gallery Contour at Ashley Furniture, Burlington, 448-5911. Through December 6.

JUDY STAHLMAN: "Big Cows/Big Dogs," paintings. Smokejacks, Burlington, 658-1119. Through November.

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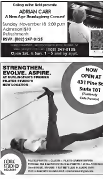

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GARY HALL: "Explorations in Contemporary Literature," contemplative, haunting photographs by the South Burlington photographer. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 652-4500. Through December 19.

MALTEX EXHIBITION: Ten Vermont artists fill the hallways of all five floors with paintings, photographs, prints and sculptures. Maltex Building, Burlington, 865-7166. Through November.

'MATERIAL PURSUITS': Three site-specific installations and works by 11 other national artists, using such unusual methods as quilting, embroidery, pipe cleaners, Sculpey and crochet, cross the boundary between craft and fine art. **'EN ROUTE: TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM UVM COLLECTIONS':** 19th-century photos with stereographic images from around the world; and **'HEEL TO TOE':** Shoes from the permanent collection offer a cross-cultural and historical look at footwear. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. Through December 14.

champlain valley

'SPIRIT OF THE SEASON': Works in multiple media, including holiday ornaments, by members of the Guild. Brandon Artists' Guild, 247-4956. Through December.

REED A. PRESCOTT III & JIM CUNNINGHAM: "Over the River & Through the Woods," paintings and prints, and turned wood pens with stone stands, respectively. Art on Main, Bristol, 453-4032. Through December.

LYNA LOU NORDSTROM: "Some of My Favorites," colorful handpainted prints and paintings. Edward Gallery, 453-3190. Through December 8.

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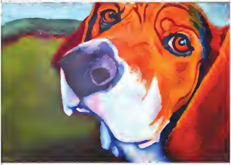

ANIMAL MAGNETISM Smokejacks is going to the dogs — and a few big ones, too — in Judy Stahlman's show of 14 oils paintings. The aptly titled "Big Cows/Big Dogs" is at the Church Street eatery through November. Stahlman carries off her bright, whimsical paintings with perfect confidence as well as technical skill, and yet doesn't take them too seriously. And there isn't a turkey among them. Pictured: "Copper."

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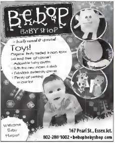

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MARY E. JOHNSON: "Visits," documentary photography. Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury, 388-4964. Through February 8.

LUCY PETRIE: Pastel paintings. Walkover Gallery, Bristol, 453-8188. Through December.

SMALL WORKS/BIG ART: Local and national artists show works that make affordable holiday presents. Gift wrapping designed by Sam Albieri available. Proceeds benefit Vermont Food Bank. Gallery-in-the-Field, Brandon, 247-0125. Through December 18.

SEANNA BRAMS: "Cow Country," acrylic paintings. Starry Night Café, Ferrisburgh, 877-6316. Through December.

KIMBERLEE FORNEY: Funky, cosmic paintings. Starry Night Cafe, Ferrisburgh, 880-9358. Through November. Also at Bask, Burlington, through November 27.

PATRICK DOUGHERTY: The internationally known sculptor created a large-scale, site-specific public sculpture using local saplings in front of the Center for the Arts during a residency; in the museum, photographic and video documentation show some of his previous commissions, and **"CHINESE BLUE-AND-WHITE PORCELAINS OF THE MING AND QING DYNASTIES":** Originating in the 14th century, this collection includes prized pieces made for the imperial court, and **"RESONANCE FROM THE PAST: AFRICAN SCULPTURE FROM THE NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART":** Figures of gods, spirits and ancestors as well as masks and ritual objects by the peoples of West and Central Africa from the 17th to 20th century. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 443-6007. Through December 9.

central

HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR: AFFORDABLE FINE ARTS & CRAFTS: Fine locally created functional and decorative gifts in multiple media, including edible. Chandler Gallery, Randolph, 728-9878. November 24 - December 30.

SELENE LUTTERS: A whimsical and antiquated photographic journey through the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona. Black-and-white and sepia-toned silver gelatin prints with mixed media. Salaam, Montpelier, 223-4300. Through December 15.

"CELEBRATE!": All three floors of the gallery are filled with one-of-a-kind artisan gifts by SPA member artists. Studio Place Arts, Barre, 479-7069. Through December 28.

"WRAP IT UP!": End-of-year group show featuring unique works in multiple media. The Lazy Pear Gallery, Montpelier, 223-7680. Through December.

VITO NOLDE: "Framed/Fractured/Fragile," paintings inspired by the changing landscapes of Hawaii. Vermont Supreme Court Lobby, Montpelier, 828-0749. Through December 7.

MEMBER HOLIDAY CRAFT EXHIBIT: Handmade Vermont art and crafts, including pottery, paintings, photographs, sculpture, carvings, yarn, fiber art and more. Blinking Light Gallery, Plainfield, 454-0141. November 23 - December 30.

BARBARA LEBER: New works. The Green Bean Art Gallery, Capitol Grounds, [illegible]@yahoo.com. Through November.

MIMI CLARK & RUTH ANN EYRE: "The Reconstruction Zone," reconstructed clothes and one-of-a-kind handbags, respectively. The Back Wall at the ReStore, Montpelier, 229-1980. Through November.

HOLIDAY SHOW: Affordable gifts from around the world. Big Town Gallery, Rochester, 767-9670. Through January 15.

SHERRI CAMPBELL: "Digitally Yours," digital photos of Vermont. Vermont Chocolatiers, Northfield, 271-8181. Through November.

"HIDDEN MASKS: AN EVOLUTION IN LATEX AND RUBBER; MADE IN CHINA": Vintage masks and mask lore, and artifacts from the Watergate Hotel. Main Street Museum, White River Junction, 356-2776. Through January 4.

"THE NATURAL WORLD": A group show focusing on nature from many perspectives. Cooler Gallery, White River Junction, 295-8008. Through December.

CECILY HERZIG: "Birds, Bats and the Bizarre," crayon and pastel drawings on paper, built on the artist's son's "scribbles." Langdon St. Cafe, Montpelier, 223-8667. Through November.

MICHAEL JEWELL: "If the Shoe Fits," abstract paintings. The Shoe Horn, Montpelier, 223-5454. Through November.

SALLY BOWRING: "The Order of Things," paintings by the former Vermonter, now in Virginia. Hardy Center for the Arts, Northfield, 496-4781. Through November.

northern

"MINIATURES AND SMALL PAINTINGS": Works of art 14 inches square or less by members of the gallery. The Flying Goose Gallery, Derby, 334-8088. Through January 7.

"VERMONT'S TRADITION OF LANDSCAPE PAINTING: FIVE ARTISTS, FIVE VISIONS": Paintings by Stapleton Kearns, Charles Movalli, Donald Allen Mosher, Dale Radcliff and Eric Tobin. Green Mountain Fine Art Gallery, Stowe, 253-1818. Through January.

ADRIEN PATENAUDE: "Adding at Home," colorful acrylic paintings. The Route 58 Shop, Lowell, 744-6144. Through December 7.

HOLIDAY WRAPPINGS: Small, affordable works by more than 20 local artists. The Painted Canvas Gallery, Johnson, 635-1700. Through December 18.

GARY ECKHART: Oil on canvas landscape paintings. The Art Gallery, Stowe, 253-8007. Through November.

[illegible] MEMBERS' EXHIBIT: Works by Sandra Beaty, Karen Scheffer, Jeffe Patton and Jan Brody. Artist in Residence, Enosburg Falls, 933-6403. Through November.

MERRILL DENSMORE: Vermont landscape paintings by the late "outsider" artist. GRACE Gallery, Old Firehouse, Hardwick, 472-6857. Through November 30.

11TH ANNUAL SMALL PICTURE EXHIBITION: More than 100 New England artists show some 200 paintings of [illegible] sizes. Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, 644-5100. Through December 16.

southern

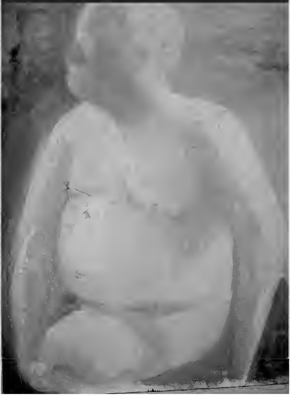
NOVEMBER SOLO EXHIBITIONS: A group show of regional artists in multiple media. Yester House Gallery through December 4, and **SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY:** Nearly 50 photographs of momentous times and notable people over three decades, Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, through November, and **WORKS OF WONDER IN WOOD: THE KIRK BROTHERS CIRCUS:** Thousands of carved-wood figures and props in a tiny replica of a traveling circus, made by the folk artist Edgar Kirk over 50 years. From the collection of the Shelburne Museum, the works, along with vintage circus posters, will reside through November at the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, Lochiel Gallery. Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, 362-1405.

regional

"AMERICAN ART AT DARTMOUTH: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HOOD": More than 100 works presenting a comprehensive overview of the permanent collection in fine art and artifacts, through December 9, and **"AMERICAN WORKS ON PAPER TO 1900":** Highlights from the permanent collection of drawings, watercolors, prints and photographs, through December 9, and **"NO LAUGHING MATTER: VISUAL HUMOR IN IDEAS OF RACE, NATIONALITY AND ETHNICITY":** Objects and images from the 19th century to contemporary times, Harrington Gallery, through January 13, and **"BLAKE ENGRAVINGS":** Rare masterpieces by poet/artist/printer William Blake along with books and other materials, from the Rauner Special Collections Library, through January. Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808.

"SACRED ART AND THE SULPICIANS OF MONTREAL": One hundred works of art commemorating the cultural influence of French Sulpician Fathers 1657-2007. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Tickets, 1-800-678-6440. $15/7.50. Through November 25.

PUBLIC ART



"Buddha," water based oil by Janice Nadworny of South Burlington.

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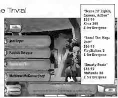

"Scene It? Lights, Camera, Action"
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Video games want out of the basement and teenage boys' bedrooms.

New games for the Wii, PlayStation 2 and Xbox 360 lead the way up the stairs and right onto the flat screen in the family room. After years of serving a niche market of hardcore players cloistered in hidden corners of the home, game producers have launched a massive attack on the mainstream, with family-oriented, interactive quiz shows leading the way.

"Scene It? Lights, Camera, Action" for the Xbox 360, "Buzz! The Mega Quiz" for PS2, and "Smarty Pants" on the Nintendo Wii each has its own personality but all figure that answering trivia questions with game-show aesthetics and controls will connect with the mass market.

Shipping with four big-button wireless controllers that could pass for massage units from Sharper Image, "Scene It?" brings the popular DVD game to the console and turns cinematic knowledge into an amusing group competition.

The controllers that ship with "Buzz" come in a tangle of cords you have to manage while buzzing in to answer questions. But the game lives past this bit of cumbersome technology to provide a well-paced trivia quiz that mixes up a schmaltzy game-show format with more than 5000 questions.

"Smarty Pants" takes a more novel route. It combines a massive 20,000-question library that adapts to age and ability — allowing for a wide range of family participation — with unique mini-games that pop up during the action, challenging players to do things like shake their controllers to add time to a ticking clock.

What's remarkable is that three new quiz-show games should come out on the three major platforms right before the holidays. Coincidence? Hardly. Short of swallowing conspiracy theories that put the heads of the game industry in a Star Chamber of market manipulation, you just have to accept the idea that game companies are as interested in grandmas and girlfriends as they are in recruiting more "Halo" players.

Controllers that have buttons that look as if they were designed for toddlers and lack a joystick of any kind naturally attract those who are curious, but cautious, about playing video games. Likewise, the four-player pick-up-and-play fun will naturally attract a crowd when you start up a game during your next party. Watching a social gathering revolve around a gaming console is enough to make a "Counter-Strike" player wince with jealousy.

Video games, contrary to the popular imagination, still have a role as a social activity. In a trend kicked off by "Wii Bowling" parties in senior citizen centers and "Guitar Hero" nights at the local pub, these quiz show titles promise to inaugurate a time-honored tradition of game nights — from moms and dads playing with kids to hip urbanites flirting over martinis and preening about their knowledge of movie trivia.

Who's It For: If answering trivia questions sounds like fun, then new games for the Wii, Xbox 360 and PS2 will surely entertain. While party games remain an important part of the gaming console, with trivia as the focus, the formula has been tweaked to appeal to the widest possible audience.

If You Like This, Try That: From "Guitar Hero" to "Wii Sports" to a slew of "Mario Party" games, there are plenty of multiplayer titles that work best when you get your friends to join in.

Best Part: Simple, customized controllers for the PS2 and Xbox 360 quiz games make them easier to play for non-gamers and signal an intention on Sony's and Microsoft's part to generate more casual game-show games in the future. Wii owners will be happy to find out that their mini-game personas, their Miis, work in "Smarty Pants."

SUDOKU

BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ = Moderate ★★ = Challenging
★★★ = Hoo, boy!

Puzzle answers for Sudoku and Crossword on page 32B

7Dcrossword

ACROSS
1 Interrogate
6 Took a dip
9 "Engineering sound!"
13 Theater collection
17 Government group
18 The Fates, e.g.
19 Akbar's city
20 Madonna role
22 Moral man?
23 Pianist Lupu
24 Unwelcome vest?
25 Plot
26 Nonce ring
27 Roberts or Robertson
30 Took in
31 Dress size
32 Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitely May
37 Malamute medic
38 Eaves dropper?
39 "— what?"
40 Assumption
43 "Tosca" tenor
45 "Veronica's Closet" item
48 Haggard
52 Surrounded by
53 Cook's cry
54 Wilbur Post's confidant
55 Curly poker?
56 Crony
57 Eisenhower for one
58 African capital
59 Mansfield or Meadows
61 Author France
63 It comes from the heart
65 Weep
66 Middle of remark
71 "Make — double!"
72 Crack up
73 "Evil Ways" group
75 — salad
76 Pennsylvania sect
79 Rock's "Tears for —"
81 Squash shot
82 Garage supply
83 — in (yield)
85 Beetle Bailey's boss
86 1,760 yards
88 Put on hold
89 Vane letters
90 Composer Gabriel
91 '71 Nobelist
92 Actor Carrey
93 Downs a donut
94 Antlered animal
99 End of remark
107 Aphrodite's son
108 Jeeves master
109 Say please too often?
110 Buddy
111 "The Full —" ('97 film)
113 Guitar kin
114 Author Dinesen
116 "What — Bob?" ('91 film)
118 Poet Sanchez
119 Level
120 Mall event
121 Quart partner?
122 Singer Lonnie
123 Start a trip
124 Bluebell
125 Conductor Jeffrey

DOWN
1 Chess piece
2 Retract
3 Skater Midori
4 Use a chaser
5 Scarecrow stuffing
6 Ire
7 Pitch in
8 Peak
9 Kind of swallow
10 Once more
11 Treat alternative
12 Hot spot?
13 Me
14 First name in boxing
15 Shinbone
16 Bertie sidekick
17 [illegible] of "The Nutty Professor"
21 Necklace adornment
27 Favorite
28 Kentucky neighbor
30 Westminster winner
33 Roman poet
34 Aerialist's fallback
35 [illegible] Heath
38 Tower-header?
40 Mama's boy?
41 Muscat native
42 Mamet or Lapham
43 Diverse
44 Khan opener?
45 Actress Ekland
46 [illegible] or July
47 Bugsy
49 One of the Mitchells
50 Finished first
51 Born
53 Perry's secretary
55 Swamp
57 Reggae's — and the Maytals
58 Cold sound
59 Pop Art pioneer
60 Blind as —
62 Rebel initials?
63 Tinkle
64 Greek
66 [illegible] Miecha
67 Inexperienced
68 Inedible fruit
70 Round
74 — Gay
76 Facilitate a felony
77 Prize for a try
78 Hurry
79 Mr. Lucky's card
80 Drop a brick
84 Journalist Swift
85 Certain shark
87 Stretchy
88 Gun the engine
90 Mirror image?
91 Crafty
93 Contemporary
94 Hold out
95 Word with good or bad
96 Clear one's throat
97 Forster's "— With a View"
98 Singer Summer
99 Parts
100 "— Got a Friend" ('71 hit)
101 Cinema- [illegible]
102 Everything considered
103 Sore
104 Kapitan's command
105 Armistice
106 "Table d'—"
112 [illegible] game
115 — Tome
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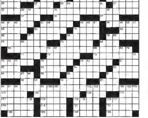

DEAD PRESIDENTS

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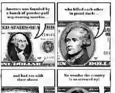
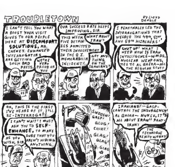

America was founded by a bunch of powder-puff wig-wearing weirdos...
who killed each other in pistol duels...
and had sex with their slaves
No wonder the country is so screwed up!


TROUBLETOWN
BY LLOYD DANGLE
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A BOOST YOUR VISIT GIVES TO OUR PEOPLE HERE AT DISCOMFORT SOLUTIONS, MR CHENEY. ENHANCED INTERROGATORS ARE GETTING SUCH BAD PRESS.
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THIS WEEK FIVE DETAINEES ADMITTED THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE O.J. MEMORABILIA INCIDENT!
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OH, THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT, I'LL RE-INTERROGATE
I CAN'T WAIT! I MUST ASK YOU TO SELF-ENHANCE, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU AREN'T HIDING ANYTHING
AS YOU WISH, SIR
SWOOSH! GASP! GLUG! CHOKE! GLAG! GLAG! GLAG
IRANIANS!—GASP—CONTROL THE INSURGENCY! AL QAEDA—NUKES, IT'S ALL ABOUT IRAN!! PANT! IRAN!
THE TECHNIQUE REALLY WORKS!
GASP CHOKE!

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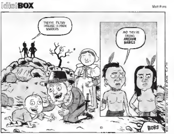
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AND THEY'RE HAVING ANCHOR BABIES
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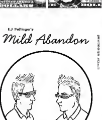

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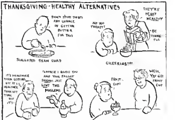
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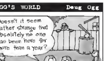
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): When life gets weird, should you take refuge in doctrine and tradition? Should you intensify your commitment to the humdrum? Is it wise to dress more conservatively, act more dignified, and smile more automatically? I say no. When the daily rhythm veers off track into unexpected detours, I say it's prime time to gleefully depart from The Way Things Have Always Been Done. In fact, I advise you to cultivate your rebellious questions and celebrate the unusual impulses that bubble up. They will help you harvest the epiphanies that life's weirdness is tempting you to pursue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "When you die," says the Koran, "God will call upon you to account for all the permitted pleasures you did not enjoy while on earth." There's a similar idea in the Talmud: "A person will be called upon to account on Judgment Day for all the permitted pleasures he might have enjoyed but did not." This thought should serve as a central theme for you in the coming weeks, Taurus. Don't worry: You won't die for many years. But to activate your highest spiritual potentials in the near future, you must plumb the depths of bliss, joy, amusement and fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your intentions have been fine, but you've been a bit off in executing your intuitions. It's like you were building a love nest in a parking garage, as if you've been hosting a dinner party with fascinating guests at McDonald's, as if you were confessing profound secrets to a narcissist who wasn't really interested. In other words, Gemini, you have been doing the right things in the wrong places. But I expect that a lucky break will soon shove you out of this awkward disjunction, bringing your style and content into harmony. (P.S. Why not go out and induce that lucky break immediately?)

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lishui is a rapidly growing industrial city in China. With the government's help and blessing, developers have been transforming rugged farmland into level parcels suitable for manufacturing facilities. In recent years, engineers have used dynamite and dump trucks to flatten 108 hills and mountains. The official motto that guides workers is "Each person does the work of two; two days' work is done in one." While I don't normally recommend that you engage in such extreme labors, the coming weeks will be a favorable time to make an exception. You'll have cosmic forces on your side if you do the work of two as you carry out the equivalent of demolishing mountains.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The bad news is that Indonesia has the fastest rate of deforestation on the planet, and is one of the top three producers of greenhouse gas pollution. The good news is that on November 28, the people of Indonesia will unleash the most intense orgy of tree-growing in the history of the world. They're scheduled to plant 79 million saplings in 24 hours. You Leos might also consider undertaking a massive display of fertility in the next three weeks. Your creative powers will be at a peak; your ability to coax abundant life out of seeds and sprouts will be extraordinary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Because of changes in agricultural techniques, food is nowhere near as nutritious as it used to be. Vegetables grown on modern factory farms have 27 percent less calcium and 37 percent less iron than they did in 1975, for example, as well as 21 percent less Vitamin A and 30 percent less Vitamin C. So if you want to avoid being starved of essential nutrients, you either have to eat a huge amount, take supplements or consume organic food. Are there any other areas of your life where the sustenance levels have dropped, perhaps without your full awareness? Is there an activity that no longer provides you with the boost it used to? Your assignment is to explore this possibility. If you find something's lacking, take immediate measures to make up for what you've been missing. (For more info about food's shrinking nutritional value, go here: tinyurl.com/3rw4ht.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk normally as little as possible in the coming week. Instead, try to communicate primarily by whispering, singing, laughing, speaking in rhyme, using foreign accents, making animal noises and imitating cartoon characters. In my astrological opinion, this could free you to express feelings and thoughts that you've been unwisely suppressing. It would give you the power to access potent information that neither your monkey mind nor your rational mind has much interest in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A while back I asked my readers, "What conditions would you need in your world in order to feel you were living in paradise?" I'll report to you how one Scorpio responded, since it's very apropos to your immediate future. "My utopia," wrote Sandra Boyd of Vancouver, "would require me to be desired, loved and satiated amidst messy order and unkempt perfection." I urge you to create that exact set of conditions, Scorpio. Get out there and cultivate the funny logic, wild discipline and chaotic organization that will help ensure you'll be fiercely adored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The visionary genius Isaac Newton revolutionized science and math. His biographer James Gleick says he discovered "more of the essential core of human knowledge than anyone before or after." Ostensibly, Newton was humble, writing that "If I have seen farther it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." But he did not actually believe that, writes Salon's own Farhad Manjoo in his review of Gleick's book. And the fact is that Newton's breakthroughs "were not incremental, not the logical conclusion to centuries of study," but rather the result of "a supernatural, superhuman intuition." This is the kind of intelligence I suspect you'll be able to summon in the coming weeks as you expand your understanding of your place in the world. It will be as if you're snatching raw truths fresh from eternity, as if you're the beneficiary of divinely novel insights that nothing in your life has prepared you for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were great leaders who were instrumental in creating the United States, but they shared a flaw with most of the other founding fathers: They owned slaves. Only one of the men who midwifed the birth of the nation freed his human chattel: Virginia plantation owner Robert Carter, whose heroism has been largely missing in the history books. Make him your role model in the coming weeks, Capricorn. It's a good time to meditate on those people you've held down, oppressed, or manipulated (even if it was inadvertent or unconscious), and then correct for how you've interfered with their full blossoming. I'm not saying you're any guiltier of this sin than the rest of us, just that this is your special time to atone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the coming weeks, you will have an unusually large capacity to see what has been invisible and name what has been unspeakable. You will be adept at solving dull old problems and creating brilliant new ones. You will also have extraordinary power to dissolve obstructions and inspire creative illusions, outwit evil and dream up tricky ways to be good, drum up freedom and escape apathy, and rebel against or uphold tradition as necessary. Use your amazing mojo craftily, Aquarius!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "You owe it to us all to get on with what you're good at," said poet W.H. Auden. Make that your motto in the coming weeks, Pisces. Your motivation for doing the useful work you love to do should not come from you alone. We, the rest of the world, want to be there inside you so that we can root you on and encourage you to give us your very best gifts. Tap into and refine and explore your talents for your own sake, yes — but do it for us, too.

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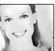

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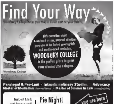

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Before the Devil Knows You're Dead ★★★★½

BLOOD BROTHERS Hawke and Hoffman play siblings with designs on the family jewels in the latest from Sidney Lumet.

Sidney Lumet is 83 years old. He's been making movies for exactly half a century. In that time, he has directed his share of forgettable films. That's not surprising: You make movies for 50 years, you're going to make some stinkers. What is surprising is how many classics of American cinema this one man has crafted.

12 Angry Men, Fail-Safe, The Pawnbroker, Serpico, Dog Day Afternoon, Network, Prince of the City and *The Verdict* — if Lumet never made another significant screen statement after the last of these films, directed 25 years ago, his filmmaking career would still stand as one of the truly great ones of all time. But he has, and it's among the most powerful pictures he's ever produced. Let's not start polishing any Lifetime Achievement statuettes just yet.

Before the Devil Knows You're Dead is a Greek tragedy with guns. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke play brothers who have almost nothing in common other than money problems. Hawke's Hank is behind on child support payments. In one scene, the love of his life, his preteen daughter, calls him a loser. Hoffman is Andy, a far more high-powered character whose financial troubles are exceedingly far more ominous. The payroll manager for a large Manhattan real estate firm, he's been embezzling in order to support his vacuous wife (Marisa Tomei) in the style to which she's accustomed. Now the IRS is closing in.

A guy who prides himself on seeing "all the angles," Andy proposes a solution to both brothers' problems: robbing a suburban jewelry store he describes as "a small mom-and-pop operation." The twist is that the mom and pop are, in fact, the thieves' own mother (Rosemary Harris) and father (Albert Finney). Hawke's character is incredulous, but Hoffman assures him it's a victimless crime. The business is insured. Both brothers worked in the store as boys and know it inside out. Neither parent works Saturday mornings.

Not as a rule, anyway. Just about everything that can go wrong does. Lives are lost and, in an instant, Hank and Andy's troubles multiply exponentially. Lumet employs a fractured narrative technique that zigzags among time frames and vantage points, an [illegible] tiresome in recent years. He makes masterful, vigorous use of it, however, and Kelly Masterson's startlingly fine script lays the foundation for virtuosity both behind and in front of the camera.

This is a motion picture that has secondary characters more vivid and riveting than many pictures' leads. There's Brían F. O'Byrne as a petty criminal who listens to German speed metal to "get into character" before the robbery; Michael Shannon as the brother-in-law who tries to bleed Andy and Hank; Finney as a husband searching for the criminals responsible for his wife's murder only to learn with horror that they're his sons; and Leonard Cimino as the inscrutable diamond fence who tips him off that Andy had a hand in the tragedy. "You didn't know shit about how the world works or what some *people* will do for *money*," he tells Finney. "I guess now you know."

At the heart of all this darkness is Hoffman in a role that seems custom-tailored for his talents. It's a stunning character study, written with insight and fleshed out with implosive force. You watch in awe as, one by one, his civilized layers are stripped away by circumstance until nothing remains but a core of age-old hurt and rage.

Bleak, weirdly witty at times and unrelentingly suspenseful, *Before the Devil Knows You're Dead* is the cinematic equivalent of a perfect storm. Even in award season, it's unusual for screenwriting, acting and direction at this level of artistry to come together in a single work. For a director to return to form in such spectacular fashion after a quarter century is rarer still. There may be very little that is nice about the people in this ferocious family film from Lumet, but it's awfully nice to see him pull it off this late in the game.

RICK KISONAK

Control ★★★½

OLD ORDER Before Kurt Cobain, there was Ian Curtis, brilliantly impersonated by Riley in Corbijn's new movie.

In 1982, Greil Marcus wrote about Ian Curtis, the lead singer of British band Joy Division: "He sang on the edge, and not as a metaphor. His strongest numbers conveyed the feeling that he was fighting against all odds either to back away from the edge or to go over it." While that may sound like rock-critic hyperbole, *Control*, the new Curtis biopic directed by Anton Corbijn, brings Marcus' words alive on screen.

By the time they were written, Curtis was dead — he committed suicide in 1980 at the age of 23 — and his fellow band members had recreated themselves as New Order, which would go on to record danceable hits such as "Blue Monday." Corbijn takes us back to the beginning, when Curtis (Sam Riley) was a teenager listening to David Bowie records in his parents' drab apartment near Manchester. With eyeliner on his face and J.G. Ballard novels in his bookcase, he seems like every withdrawn kid who scribbles lyrics about alienation. The difference is in how he comes alive on stage, with a baritone voice that somehow manages to drone with intense emotion, and a dance style that's half robot, half eggbeater.

With his hooded eyes and button-down shirts, Curtis looks conservative enough for his day job at the local employment office, but at night the punk comes out. What's fascinating about him as portrayed here by Riley and the script by Matt Greenhalgh and widow Deborah Curtis is that he really seems to be an introverted rock star — a control freak. In the early stages of his career, Curtis takes some aggressive steps to get the band noticed. But once they're touring Europe, he panics, telling his manager (Toby Kebbell), "I've lost control."

Health concerns played a role. Curtis was epileptic, and sometimes suffered seizures on stage. So did personal problems. In the film, we see Curtis and girl-next-door Deborah (Samantha Morton) court and marry against a series of hideous '70s wallpaper patterns. Soon she's at home with the baby, and he's closing the door to write his lyrics, or escaping with his mates — and, later, with a pretty Belgian fan of the band (Alexandra Maria Lara).

The Dutch director, who's been involved with the band members since he photographed *Joy Division* in their heyday, gives us the story in black and white — literally — with few emotional highs. The movie's world looks grainy and authentic, but it will resonate more with viewers who already know the band and the era. For those who don't, Corbijn offers scant sense of context to show them why England in the late 1970s produced some of the most depressive — and rousingly rebellious — music ever written.

The movie can also be taken to task for focusing too tightly on Curtis, when the supporting characters might have injected more light and warmth into the story. Morton transcends the usual whiny stereotype of the neglected wife, but she stays underdeveloped. As scrappy, grinning manager Rob Gretton, Kebbell provides vital comic relief, but there's not enough of him.

There's nothing new in the story of an artist who screws up his personal life. But what makes this one particularly compelling is that Curtis, diagnosed with epilepsy just out of his teens, didn't enjoy the prolonged adolescence granted to most rock stars. He knew the seizures that contributed to his mystique — some people confused them with his dancing — could also kill him. While most rock biopics show their subjects spiraling into drug and alcohol excesses, this one shows him piling up his prescription meds — each with its list of side effects — and struggling with intimations of mortality.

Today, "edginess" is a marketing strategy. But for someone who desperately needed to control his illness and his fears, performing on the edge really meant something. The film reminds us that Curtis fell early, but his voice lives on.

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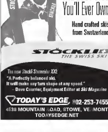
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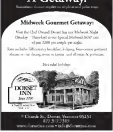
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HITMAN: Timothy Olyphant stars as Agent 47 in this big-screen version of the video game series about a mercenary who shoots his way across Eastern Europe. With Dougray Scott and Olga Kurylenko. Xavier Gens directs. (100 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Palace)

AUGUST RUSH: A child prodigy who's never known his parents strives to find them via music in this high-concept tearjerker directed by Kirsten Sheridan. With Keri Russell, Freddie Highmore, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Robin Williams. (113 min, PG. Essex, Majestic, Palace, Roxy)

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD★★★★1/2 Legendary director Sidney Lumet makes a stunning return to form with this dark fable in which a pair of debt-ridden brothers decide to rob their parents' jewelry business. Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke. (123 min, R. Palace)

ENCHANTED: Live action and animation meet in this modern fairy tale about a beautiful princess who's banished from her kingdom by an evil queen and finds herself on the streets of present-day Manhattan. Starring Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey and Susan Sarandon. Kevin Lima directs. (108 min, PG. Big Picture, Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Stowe, Welden)

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN Tommy Lee Jones and Javier Bardem star in the Coen brothers' big-screen version of Cormac McCarthy's acclaimed novel about the face-off between a Texas border town sheriff and an all-malevolent outsider. Josh Brolin costars. (122 min, R. Roxy)

STEPHEN KING'S THE MIST: Frank (*The Shawshank Redemption*) Darabont comes another adaptation of the horror author's work, this time a short story about a small community that finds itself covered by a monster-filled fog. With Thomas Jane and Marcia Gay Harden. (127 min, R. Essex, Majestic)

SHORTS

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE★★★ Julie (*Frida*) Taymor directs this musical about a young couple whose love is tested by the chaos of the 1960s, featuring many of the Beatles' greatest hits. With Jim Sturgess, Evan Rachel Wood and Dana (131 min, PG-13. Roxy)

AMERICAN GANGSTER★★★★ Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington team up with *Gladiator* director Ridley Scott to tell the true stories of Harlem drug lord Frank Lucas, lone-wolf cop Richie Roberts and how their lives intertwined in the '70s. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Josh Brolin. (157 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Palace, Roxy, Welden)

BEE MOVIE★★1/2 Jerry Seinfeld makes his family film debut with this animated comedy about a college-educated insect who decides to sue the human race for stealing honey. Which might explain the picture's rather tepid buzz. Renee Zellweger, John Goodman and Chris Rock are also in the voice cast. (100 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Welden)

BEOWULF★★★ Robert (*The Polar Express*) Zemeckis does his big-screen book animating thing again, this time with a CGI version of the Old English epic about the battle between an evil demon and a mighty warrior. Featuring Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie. (113 min, PG-13. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe, Welden)

CONTROL★★★1/2 Sam Riley and Samantha Morton are paired in the feature debut from director Anton Corbijn, which charts the rise and tragic fall of Joy Division leader Ian Curtis. With Harry Treadaway. (121 min, R. Roxy)

DAN IN REAL LIFE★★★ Steve Carell stars in this romantic comedy about a widower who falls in love with a woman who turns out to be seeing his brother as well. Juliette Binoche costars. Peter Hedges directs. (98 min, PG-13. Majestic, Palace)

FRED CLAUS★1/2 From *Wedding Crashers* director David Dobkin comes this comedy about the friction between Jolly Old Saint Nick and his black sheep brother. Starring Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti and Miranda Richardson. (116 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Stowe, Welden)

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None of which is any fun prior to the return of ol' Roberto. Then — bingo — it's open season on the poor sap and I'm in holiday heaven. I couldn't tell you why we fight. It started when I was just a kid and has gone on ever since. Once I made hard candy out of drool I collected from my dog and watched Uncle Bobby snack on it all afternoon in front of the TV. That really was a good year. Yeah, Thanksgiving is definitely my favorite.

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GOLDEN DOOR★★★1/2 Charlotte Gainsbourg and Vincenzo Amato are paired in this poetic exploration of the immigrant experience, in which a Sicilian widower and a mysterious Englishwoman fall in love while crossing the Atlantic to the land of their dreams. Directed by Emanuele Crialese. (112 min, PG-13. Savoy)

GONE BABY GONE★★★★ Ben Affleck makes his directorial debut with this adaptation of Dennis Lehane's bestselling novel about the search for a missing girl in Boston. With Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Morgan Freeman and Ed Harris. (115 min, R. Palace)

INTO THE WILD★★★1/2 Sean Penn directs the big-screen version of the bestselling nonfiction book by Jon Krakauer about a privileged young man who gave away his life savings, hitchhiked across the country and met with tragedy in the Alaskan wilderness. Starring Emile Hirsch, Vince Vaughn and Catherine Keener. (140 min, R. Palace)

LIONS FOR LAMBS★★1/2 Robert Redford directs and stars in this antiwar drama about an idealistic college professor who encourages his students to make a difference in the world. With Meryl Streep and Tom Cruise. (92 min, R. Big Picture)

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA★★ Mike (*Mona Lisa Smile*) Newell directs this adaptation of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel about a man who waits a lifetime to be with the love of his life. Javier Bardem and Giovanna Mezzogiorno star. (139 min, R. Palace)

MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM★ Zach Helm wrote and directed this family fantasy about a magical toy store in which the merchandise comes to life for all who truly believe. With Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. (93 min, G. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Welden)

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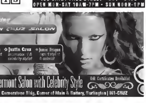
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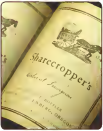

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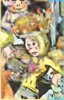

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Fit to Be Trussed

Local cooks share their stories of Thanksgiving dinners gone wrong

BY SUZANNE PODHAIZER

We've all heard the Thanksgiving story where the cook forgets to stick her hand in the turkey's body cavity and extract the bag of squishy organs. Sure, it's kinda gross in there — but anyone who's omitted that step knows the tale ends with someone fanning smoke away from a blaring alarm and running to the store for a back-up bird. Good luck finding one.

Few people's holidays end with the arrival of the fire department or a trip to the ER. But that doesn't mean putting an elaborate meal for 20 — or 10, or two — on the dinner table is a breeze, especially when familial tensions, hours of food prep and altogether too many cooks come into play. Though real disasters are few and far between, little things seem to go awry on a regular basis.

Yep, we're counting the rude comments Aunt Ethel makes when she's downed too many glasses of sherry, and the experience of watching your fave football team go down in flames — even when your stuffing doesn't.

Seven Days asked a few Vermonters to share their Thanksgiving travails for your reading pleasure.

Matt Birong, 3 Squares, Vergennes

Why settle for a plain old turkey when you could partake of a Cajun dish called turducken? Local lore, perhaps apocryphal, tells us that is an American twist on a classic Bedouin wedding dish. The original supposedly involved a camel, a sheep, several chickens and some fish. (Or was that a dirty joke I once heard?) In the

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States, a turducken is a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken. For good measure, enthusiastic chefs sometimes fill the chicken with sausage. In other words, it's cardiac arrest on a platter.

And it's just the kind of challenge that Bevong, a culinary school grad and chef-owner of 3 Squares in Vergennes, likes to tackle. But the first time he made one, things didn't turn out quite as expected.

With 12 hungry people waiting at the table, Bevong removed the concoction from the oven, let it rest so the copious juices could redistribute, and made an incision. "It was raw in the middle," he recalls. "I wouldn't say salmon, but it was close." He'd been fooled because "it was such a mass of poultry that the thermometer didn't penetrate to the middle of the bird," he guesses.

Bevong butterflied the meat and threw it under the broiler. In the end, the turducken was served and enjoyed. But for the sports fans in the room, all was not well. "We ended up eating an hour and a half late," Bevong says. "It interrupted the football games a little."

Susan Reid, King Arthur Flour, Norwich

King Arthur Flour knows all about the potential for kitchen disasters — the company runs a baking emergency hotline. When a question stumps the folks at the phones, they refer it to Susan Reid, a former NECI chef instructor and Culinary Institute of America graduate who helps write King Arthur's cookbooks and bi-monthly newsletter.

Reid has heard her share of holiday sob stories. In fact, explaining how she handles sticky pastry questions, she sounds more like a therapist than a gastronome. "We're talking to people in the middle of crises," she explains. "A lot of times they want to make a substitution but are afraid to. We validate them and give lots of permission."

But some deviations from the instructions are, well, problematic. "One person put a full cup of yeast into a recipe, and it was crawling out of her oven," Reid relates. Another "called in high dudgeon to tell us our key lime pie recipe was awful." Unable to find three bottles of key lime juice, the customer had instead used lime oil, typically dispensed by the drop.

Though she's managed to avoid such *faux pas*, Reid has her share of grueling Thanksgiving memories: She used to work lengthy Turkey Day stints at the Bedford Village Inn in Bedford, New Hampshire. "It was the same meal served over and over again for 10 hours," she says. "It was family style. We probably did 70 or 80 turkeys. We had a 120-gallon steam kettle in the corner, and it was filled with gravy," she remembers. "There were turkeys everywhere ... it was brutal."

When Thanksgiving Was a Movable Feast

"Thanksgiving" — it sounds like a holiday devised by Oscar Mayer, or maybe some unholy Turkey Day corpse reanimated by a mad scientist. In fact, it's a reminder that Thanksgiving as we know it is a pretty recent invention.

In 1621, the Pilgrims didn't wait for the fourth Thursday in November to give thanks. They were thankful enough in October. (Canadians still are.) After all, there were no football rivalries or mega malls in search of shoppers — nothing to dictate a fixed date.

After the American Revolution, presidents changed the date of Thanksgiving whenever the spirit moved them. They also declared days of fasting — which, oddly enough, have not become national holidays. President Lincoln settled the matter (or so he thought) by proclaiming Thanksgiving to be the *last* Thursday in November. And there it sat ... until 1939.

Clearly, Lincoln hadn't done the math. Three hundred sixty-five days in a year divided by seven days in a week leaves a remainder of one day ... which means each date falls on a different day of the week each year. Eventually it came to pass that Lincoln's Thanksgiving fell on November 30, leaving only 24 days before Christmas!

Shopping days, that is — and in 1939, as the U.S. struggled out of a severe depression, those days were even more precious than they are today. The business community pressured President Franklin D. Roosevelt to push the date of Thanksgiving back a week, to accommodate more pre-holiday spending.

But in August, when Roosevelt leaked the impending change, all hell broke loose. Football fans feared a fumble — schedules with classic Thanksgiving Day rivalries would have to be reshuffled or accept the lower attendance of a game played in the middle of a work week. Poultry producers protested — the change would mean a week's loss of growth for the birds and warmer weather for shipping. Pundits penned polemics.

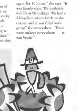
In October, FDR issued his proclamation. For the year 1939, Thanksgiving would fall on Thursday, November 23. The decree applied to all federal employees, plus the citizens of Washington, D.C., and the territories. Governors decided for their respective states.

Vermonters were not impressed. Governor George Aiken made his proclamation: "Ain't gonna happen" (or words to that effect). In fact, the governors in traditional New England — Republicans all — thumbed their noses at the Democrat in the White House and stuck with November 30. So did 17 more of the 48 states. Twenty-two switched to "Franksgiving." The remaining three double-dipped.

The Thanksgiving breakdown of the states didn't completely mimic political lines, but one wag remarked: "The Democrats get turkey on the 23rd, the Republicans get the leftovers."

In 1941, Congress put its foot down and made Thanksgiving a national holiday — celebrated, by law, on the fourth Thursday in November. Let us be thankful.

— CURT B. TAYLOR



Gary and Patty Sundberg, Island Ice Cream, Grand Isle

"Patty and I have been pretty lucky," Gary Sundberg relates. "We've never had a bad Thanksgiving." They do, however, have a cautionary tale for anyone who's hoping to be in the gravy. One year, Gary got a little too aggressive with the lumps. "I wasn't supposed to stir as hard as I did," he admits. "I stirred the Teflon coating right off of the pan ... Then I asked, 'What's all this black stuff in the gravy?'"

The mistake sent the Sundbergs running to the grocery store for packets of gravy powder, chock full of yummy ingredients such as autolyzed yeast extract, partially hydrogenated soybean oil and modified potato starch. Sounds just like the homemade stuff, no?

The fate of the cookware was even less savory, Gary explains. "It was one of those big roast

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All Crumbs

Tech-savvy Burlingtonians eager to order pizza by text message will have to wait a little longer. Although 2700 **Papa John's** pizza joints across the country are now shipping out pepperoni pies in response to e-communication, the B-town locale isn't one of 'em. According to a Pearl Street PJ's staffer **Ryan Mann**, "It's something that's still in the experimental phase. From what I heard, it's been very successful, so I won't be surprised if they run it out on a national basis." Verizon? Fairpoint? Unicel?

The *New Oxford American Dictionary* has named "locavore" its word of the year. Nope, there's no second "L" in the West Coast spelling. As for a definition, the *NOAD* website offers: "The 'locavore' movement encourages consumers to buy from farmers' markets or even to grow or pick their own food, arguing that fresh, local products are more nutritious and taste better." It goes on:

Though "locavore" works as a *faux* Latin coinage (*locus* is Latin for place), the dictionary's editors acknowledge that "Some groups refer to themselves as 'localvores' rather than 'locavores.' However it's spelled, it's a word to watch."

Vermont microbrews may be a hot commodity, but on Veterans Day, the **Stonecutters Brewhouse** in Barre caught fire, due to a faulty water heater. "We'd bought a hot water tank with an electrical mechanism on the front ... it kept malfunctioning until it burned up," laments co-owner **James Stevens**. The restaurant is currently closed for repairs.

Luckily, nobody was hurt, but the fact that the building was empty also meant "there was no one there to put it out," says Stevens. "One room got the brunt of the damage," he goes on, listing a couple of chest freezers, an upright freezer and an ice machine among the casualties. That's not all. "There's soot everywhere. All of the carpets have to be replaced; the food has to be replaced; it has to be repainted. It's a lot of work," Stevens says with a sigh. He hopes to reopen by the first of December, even if the place isn't completely ship-shape.

Barre's **L.A.C.E. Café** shut down for several weeks in November to "redesign and reorganize," according to owner **Ariel Zevon**. But the eatery, located inside the L.A.C.E. store on North Main Street, reopened last weekend with a celebratory pig roast. It now boasts a soup and salad bar along with a new winter menu. As always, the cooks use Green Mountain ingredients whenever possible.

One example is the Vermonte Cristo, a decadent breakfast dish that features a French toast base topped with Brie, roasted ham, **Boggy Meadow Farm's** baby Swiss — from just across the Vermont-New Hampshire border — and jam made from Vermont cranberries. Then there's the "100-percent pasture-raised burger, which we're calling 'the best burger in Barre,'" Zevon says.

L.A.C.E. is also stepping up to the plate with new events designed to bring neighbors closer together, such as family-style community dinners served every Friday. Through the holidays, Zevon says, the spacious store will host a "Craftsapalooza" each Saturday — a meet-'n'-greet with "food vendors and non-food vendors ... hot cider, coffee and music." On three of these Saturdays, a certain jolly, white-bearded gentleman is slated to make an appearance. "Hopefully, we'll draw in a lot of families," says Zevon.

For the past 19 months, Chef **Sean Buchanan** has been preaching the grass-fed gospel as a staffer at **Wood Creek Beef** in Bridport. But on December 1, he'll be leaving the farm to pursue a new opportunity: He'll be executive chef at **Evergreen** at the upscale **Stowe Mountain Lodge**, which opens next April.

What's a localvore activist doing taking a job at a fancy resort? Upending the status quo, if things go as planned. From dishes served at the restaurant to catered functions and even casual room service, the plan is to "use whatever local we can get," says Buchanan.

Although many restaurants are doing the "farm-to-table" thing these days, Buchanan [illegible] is that [illegible] one [illegible]tion. That's why you don't often see locavore offerings in banquet settings. At Stowe, he says, "I think this company really wants to break the mold on that."

The guys at **Hen of the Wood at the Grist Mill** in Waterbury have got it down. Last month, chefs **Eric Warnstedt** and **Craig Tresser's** property made *Gourmet's* catalogue of the "Top 100 Farm to Table Restaurants." This month, it hit the top 10 on *Food & Wine's* list of the "Best Restaurant Dishes of 2007."

The decadent delight in question: Duck with Mustard Spaetzle. Associate Editor Emily Kaiser gushes in the magazine, "The tiny dumplings were flawless: pillowy, nutty and clearly made fresh that day. However, the duck is what I still think about." She says the "brined, lightly smoked, then pan-seared" poultry has "wonderfully subtle juniper flavors and pepper flavors and an extraordinary crispy caramel skin." Her final word: "I warmly thank whoever was responsible."

Kaiser singled out **A Single Pebble** in a *Food & Wine* article earlier this year. *The Chinese Restaurant News* liked it, too. For the fourth year in a row, the online newsletter has named the "top 100 Chinese restaurants in the United States" in a number of categories. Its editors say they began with a pool of 43,139 restaurants, then narrowed it down to [illegible] that had received awards and/or positive local press. Ultimately, voters nationwide got to weigh in.

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ASIAN BISTRO

Given Vermont's minuscule Asian population, it may come as a surprise that a few of our establishments scored. **First Wok Chinese Restaurant** in Morrisville made the grade as one of 100 "rising stars." In the "signature dish" category, both **China Palace** in Barre and **Hop Sing Chinese Restaurant** in Essex Junction received plaudits. No word on what their extra special specials are.

Where did the local favorite **A Single Pebble** fit in? Oddly enough, the eatery, which has made its name serving authentic Chinese cuisine, was ranked in the "Chinese/Asian Fusion" group. Says co-owner **Christina Duval**, "It's very exciting to be given the award, but it's not really an accurate label for the restaurant." As the only Chinese person on staff, Duval wonders if ethnicity might have played a role. "I joked with Chef **Steve [Bogart]** that 'We got "Asian fusion" because you're so American.'"

Asian Bistro in Williston, which does fit the definition of a "fusion restaurant," was recognized for "overall excellence."

— SUZANNE PODHAIZER

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ing-pan things with the steel handles. Something that Patty really liked. I think it made its way to the trash bin."

Robin Bertrand, Stern Center for Language and Learning, Williston

Without the proper equipment the simplest kitchen task can turn into a nightmare. Especially when guests are a bit tipsy. Another gravy tale with gravitas comes from Robin Bertrand. When they were newlyweds, she and her husband proudly hosted their mothers at their new condo, which lacked a well-stocked kitchen. "We had to use one of those foil roasters for the turkey," Bertrand says.

Not feeling particularly confident in front of the stove, she was relieved when her mother and mother-in-law offered to make the gravy. "The turkey was resting, we'd been drinking wine, and they were stirring and stirring," she says.

After a time, one of the women noticed the pan was looking a little dry. "My mother added more water and flour," explains Bertrand. But a few minutes later, they were still puzzled. The gravy kept disappearing.

Finally, they discovered that their vigorous stirring had poked a hole in the foil pan. "All of the gravy went down through the electric burner into the hole in the oven. . . The entire top of the stove was full before we figured it out," Bertrand chuckles.

The cleanup was no fun and worse, they had to eat naked mashed potatoes.

Sean Buchanan, Wood Creek Farm, Bridport

The garrulous Buchanan, host of Vermont Public Television's "Feast in the Making," couldn't stop at just one story.

As a youngster, Buchanan enjoyed eating off a set of dishes with pictures of an adorable bunny — until one Thanksgiving, when he was about 10 years old.

"My mother was a really eclectic cook," Buchanan explains. That year, she augmented her Thanksgiving menu by preparing a rabbit. "I remember being horrified," he says. "I had to eat rabbit off my Peter Cottontail china. There was a little bunny on the plate smiling at me." It took Buchanan 15 years to learn to love eating the lepus.

Like Real, Buchanan also knows what it's like to cook Thanksgiving for an army of restaurant patrons. Years after his run-in with the painted cottontail, he worked as executive chef at a Colorado resort. "We did a Thanksgiving buffet, and we based the numbers on the year before," he recalls. But the meal proved way too popular. "About halfway through, we were almost out of everything."

Buchanan had to turn to the local mega mart. "I called the grocery store at 6 o'clock at night, and they had 20 pre-packaged meals they didn't know what to do with," he says. "The first people got the really good, home-cooked Thanksgiving meal." The others . . . well, their turkey and sweet potatoes may have tasted a little canned. Does Buchanan regret the deception perpetrated on the latecomers? "You've gotta have food, that's what it comes down to," he muses.

Rob Litch, Misty Knoll Farms, New Haven

Litch, who raises thousands of turkeys at Misty Knoll, sees a side of Thanksgiving most people never witness — the one that involves feathers, squawking and lots of turkey poop.

Even with nearly 20 years of poultry production under his belt, things on the farm sometimes get, er, fowled up. A few years ago, Litch recalls, "Everybody wanted turkeys in the 16-pound range." But he hadn't started enough birds at the right time, and quickly ran out. "That was my worst-selling year ever," he recalls with a groan. "I was able to offer them 12-pound birds and 20-pound birds. I remember a stream of angry people."

Paul "Archie" Archdeacon, Gracie's, Stowe

Though Gracie's recently hosted a "game dinner," Archdeacon, the restaurant's owner, isn't a fan of firearms. So when his brother-in-law, who resides in Springfield, Massachusetts

The *Seven Days* guide to NOT spoiling Thanksgiving

DON'T:

1. Wonder out loud about the number of calories in a splash of gravy or a sliver of maple pumpkin pie. Nobody wants to think about it on a holiday, not even you.

2. Judge each dish as if you were on "Iron Chef." Aunt Betty will probably cry if you remark that the mashed sweet potatoes with marshmallows are "a little one-note" and she "could have been more creative with the presentation."

3. Show up with a bowl of healthy quinoa instead of the buttery mashed potatoes you were asked to bring.

4. Answer in menu-speak when somebody asks what's in the salad. The correct answer is "Greens, walnuts, apple slices and cheddar cheese." Not "organically grown baby mesclun mix from Crazy Creek Farm, hand-harvested English walnuts, sliced Gravenstein apples plucked in a pesticide-free orchard on the shores of a windy lake, and cave-aged cheddar made from raw Guernsey milk." See, you're bored already.

5. Calculate the green-bean casserole's carbon footprint. The "inconvenient truth" is that nobody really wants to know. Not today.

6. Initiate a Bobby Flay-style Thanksgiving throwdown. If you're at Uncle John's, then Uncle John makes the best fixins ever. Period. Even if the stuffing is dry, the gravy is lumpy, and you have a degree from NECI.

7. Announce that "meat is murder" and start handing out PETA pamphlets just as Grandma totters triumphantly from the kitchen with the turkey.

—S.P.

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invited him to a Thanksgiving "turkey shoot," he was quick to decline. "I told him I was afraid of guns and didn't want to go," he says.

His brother-in-law wasn't having it. "He dragged me along," Archdeacon recalls. With a heavy heart, he climbed into the pickup truck and braced himself for an unpleasant morning. At 10 o'clock, they arrived at a friend's house, ostensibly to round up the hunting crew. The men, 20 or 30 strong, gathered in the basement.

But something was wrong. Nobody was in camo — and instead of rifles, the guys bore booze. Their version of a turkey shoot turned out to involve making obnoxious gobbling noises and "shooting" bottles of bourbon — Wild Turkey brand, of course.

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Archdeacon may have been relieved, but not everyone was happy. "At noon [the friend's] wife came down and started yelling that we were ruining her Thanksgiving," he relates. Pissing off the missus seems to be a tradition 'round these parts — according to Archdeacon, the yearly "turkey shoot" is approaching its 25th anniversary.

Crystal Maderia, Kismet, Montpelier

When customers read the menu at Kismet, the cheerfully decorated Montpelier restaurant Crystal Maderia owns with Alanna Dorf, they know right away they're in the hands of hard-core localvores. The crunchy cafe goes through three or four pounds of organic local bacon on weekdays, and more during weekend brunch. Its website lists Green Mountain sources for a host of ingredients, from pastry flour to polenta.

Can you keep it local and still feast on Thanksgiving? A few years ago, Maderia — living at the time in the coastal city of Mendocino, California — gave it a try. At the time the word "localvore" hadn't yet been coined. "My partner and I decided we'd start a new tradition of only having local foods for our Thanksgiving meal," she says. But after weeks of searching, they weren't making much progress. Perhaps because they'd limited themselves to ingredients from just three towns.

Meat came from an unlikely source. "One person called me randomly in the middle of the night and said that he'd found a deer that had been hit by a car and asked me if I wanted the meat ... I was psyched. It was a score," Maderia says. "We went out to the woods and left apples as gifts for the deer spirits."

With the main course taken care of, there was still the problem of sides. "I scoured the woods for two days looking for mushrooms," Maderia says. Luckily, she found a couple of big ones, and some wild berries.

Although the vegans who joined the couple for dinner hadn't eaten meat in 10 years, they decided to partake of the venison. "It was all we had," Maderia recalls. "We had huckleberries, mushrooms and road kill."

Laura Kloeti, Michael's on the Hill, Waterbury

Holiday meal planning is a constant tug-of-war between the cautious — the types who request the same green-bean casserole and mashed sweet potato with crunchy marshmallow topping year in, year out — and the adventurous. But even the latter know each culinary experiment is a gamble. Laura Kloeti found that out about five years ago, when she tried a new method of preparing her family's Thanksgiving turkey. "I smoked a turkey with hickory chips on the BBQ and then basted it with Guinness beer," she describes. Visually speaking, it was a smashing success — "the most beautiful golden brown turkey ever."

Although it was thoroughly cooked, the poultry "had a pink tinge to it," says Kloeti, as smoked meats often do. And that wasn't the only source of cognitive dissonance. "The whole time, throughout the meal, everyone kept making comments about ... how it tasted exactly like a ham," Kloeti confesses. The final verdict: "It was delicious, just not a 'Thanksgiving Turkey.'"

Marialisa Calta, food writer, Calais

Holidays may be blatantly commercialized, but they still give us a chance to reflect on what's truly important — if we can find time between mediating the family rows and basting the turkey.

On one such day of thanks 20 years ago, Marialisa Calta got a bit of a wake-up call. During a blinding snowstorm, she'd gathered with a group of friends at the East Montpelier home of Nona Estrin, an author and artist. The meal was a potluck. Most of the gang was there, but fellow writer Andrew Nemethy — accompanied by the all-important potato dish — was still missing.

Then came a phone call. Nemethy had flipped his car, but wasn't injured. "We were greatly relieved to know that he was unhurt ... but the unspoken question was, were the potatoes OK?" Calta divulges.

She continues: "A party set out to go and collect Andrew and took a picture at the scene: Andrew — snow falling all around — standing in front of his upside-down car, holding the pot of potatoes."

Yes, the potatoes survived — and, Calta concludes, "a great Thanksgiving was had by all." Goes to show: Even when the gravy's lumpy or the turkey's raw, or half your guests decamp mid-meal to see that new Stephen King movie, this is a time to remember that the two most important things in life are the people you love and the food they make. ⑦

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Alejandro Escovedo is revered by critics and Americana aficionados but remains virtually unknown outside the most rabid *No Depression* crowd — although a version of his song "Castanets" was rumored to have appeared on fellow Texan George W. Bush's iPod playlist (which prompted the singer to retire the song from his live repertoire). Following Escovedo's near fatal illness stemming from a long struggle with hepatitis C, alt-country admirers such as Steve Earle, Lucinda Williams, The Jayhawks and Son Volt banded together to honor the songwriter with *Por Vida: A Tribute to the Songs of Alejandro Escovedo*. Health restored, he is now touring with his new band **The Alejandro Escovedo String Quintet** and makes an appearance Wednesday, November 28, at the Higher Ground Showcase Lounge with tunesmith **Jeffrey Foucault**.

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WISH YOU WERE HERE

In the bizarre world of rock and roll, it's easy to get wrapped up in aspects of the job that seem incredibly important in the moment but in actuality just aren't that big a deal. Whether it's a well-placed zinger, a missing club listing or a critique that rubs you the wrong way, the temptation to make mountains out of molehills can be overwhelming. But when put into perspective, the minor foibles of this or any other profession are just that: minor.

One year ago, a young Vermont musician named **Sam Cohn** was struck and killed by a car while visiting friends in Florida. He was 14 years old.

A talented multi-instrumentalist, Sam was an avid guitarist, bassist and drummer who got his start playing at Burlington's Rock Camp under the guidance of current 242 Main booking manager **Frankie Andrews**.

"I first met Sam teaching at Rock Camp in the summer of 2003," says Andrews in a recent email. "He was about 3 feet tall and he played guitar and sang on '53 Red Balloons' and 'Smells Like Teen Spirit.' I lost my shit when he actually finished his set with a knee dive."

Sam's untimely death profoundly resonated among those who knew him well, prompting close friend **Kevin Cafferky** to put on a benefit in the fallen guitarist's name. It drew more than 600 people and provided scholarships for the Bolton Valley Snowboarding School, Rock Camp, Alternate Camp and a special scholarship called the "Sam Cohn Musical Soul Giveaway," in which one lucky winner receives three dream guitars from Advance Music.

Almost one year to the day after Sam's passing, The Sam Cohn Foundation Benefit is back.

In addition to the scholarships, this year's event features performances by some of his favorite local musicians and friends, including 15-year-old songwriter **Erin Santiago**, mysterious mystics **Thousands Shrinky Green** — who wrote a musical tribute in honor of Cohn entitled "The Ballad of Captain Sam" — and, at the top of the bill, Burlington metal fiends **Amadis**.

If you're unfamiliar with Amadis, allow me to handle the introductions. As co-founder Andrews — known in the band as **Frankie Vitriol** — states, "Me and **Chaim Bochaster** started Amadis because I needed an excuse to buy a *Flying V* and he needed an excuse to buy leather pants." Honestly, what more do you need to know?

SAM COHN

Amadis delivers as authentic a brand of metal as you'll find anywhere in the Green Mountains, embracing time-honored genre traditions such as the aforementioned leather pants, hard-banging riffs, over-the-top vocals and arena-rock drumming. I'm guessing Sam would approve.

The Sam Cohn Foundation Benefit takes place this Saturday at the West Monitor Barn in Richmond. More details about Sam, the foundation and the show can be found at www.samcohnmusic.org.

HONK IF YOU LOVE HONKY-TONK

The similarities between Burlington's Radio Bean and its quirky Montpelier cousin, the Langdon Street Café, are striking. Both venues provide an eclectic array of live music options every night of the week. They're both cornerstones of their respective city's music scenes. And both feature weekly honky-tonk nights hosted by two of the area's most respected country crooners. Sadly, it's a parallel that will soon be over.

MARK LEGRAND

Honky Tonk Happy Hour with **Mark Legrand** has enjoyed an exceptionally strong run. Every Friday evening for the last two years, those in search of boot-stompin' heartburners and tear-in-your-beer balladry have found refuge at the nifty coffeehouse in the shadow of the Golden Dome. But as anyone who has ever listened to a country song knows, all good things must come to an end.

Citing the need for a break, Legrand and his **Lovesick Bandits** will "close up the honky-tonk" on *Friday, December 7*. Word on the street is that a more informal Americana session will take over the 6-8 p.m. time slot. When God closes a door, he opens a window. Or at least a bottle of moonshine.

This Tuesday will mark the welcome return of the estimable **Brett Hughes** and Honky Tonk Sessions to the Bean. Allow me to be the first to say "Yee-haw!"

During my musical travels over the last few weeks, the one thing everyone wants to know is when the Honky Tonk Sessions would be up and running again. Well, now you know, folks. Please stop with the phone calls and threatening emails.

Hughes has been tromping all over God's green Earth — or at least the East Coast — for the last month and a half as a touring sideman with sultry singer **Shannon McNally**. As such, there's been no one to mind the store on Tuesday nights and the Sessions have been on hiatus. I, for one, am glad it's back. It was getting hard to come up with an excuse to go out drinking on Tuesday nights. Cheers!

TRIFECTA

Here's one thing to not be thankful for this week: It is slowwww in the music department. Higher Ground is closed through the weekend. Radio Bean is drawing the shades and shuttering the windows until Monday as well. As such, there's not much to tell you about, and I've still got 300 words to go before this column can be put to bed. What's a music editor to do? Get a record! Here's what.

I'm pretty sure this has never happened in the *Seven Days* music section before, but this week, **The Aztext** are pulling off the unlikely hat trick with a CD review, a spotlight and now a column item. Why all the press, you ask? Well, for one thing, there's not a whole lot else going on this week, as I have already stated. But more importantly, these guys are really good.

I had the opportunity to watch them freestyle at last week's hip-hop open mike at Nectar's and, frankly, I was blown away. Rapping is hard enough to do when you have the luxury of writing your rhymes down ahead of time. Rapping without a safety net is even more impressive. Do yourself a favor and make your way to Nectar's this Saturday to support local hip-hop and one of the bright spots in Vermont's music scene: The Aztext.

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WED.21

burlington area

ENSEMBLE V (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC. Followed by **IRISH SESSIONS**, 9 p.m. NC.

NOT SO DEAD POETS SOCIETY, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.

OPEN POETRY NIGHT WITH MARK LIN FINLEY, [illegible] Tea, 7 p.m. NC.

MIKE MARTIN & GEOFF KIM (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.

[illegible] GRAMPY (acoustic), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

NICK CASSARINO (jazz), Red Square, 6 p.m. NC. Followed by **DJ CRE8** (hip-hop), 11 p.m. NC.

CRISWELL & [illegible] (eclectic DJs), 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.

SOUR BOY (rock), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **SUCKA BROWN BRAND X** (funk, rock), 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC. AA.

SUPERSTAR KARAOKE, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

CELTIC PARTY OPEN SESSION, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

central

BAD MONKEY (rock), Charlie O's, 8 p.m. NC.

PARIAH BEAT (roots), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations.

ROB WILLIAMS (folk), Purple Moon Pub, 5 p.m. NC.

OPEN MIKE, Middle Earth Music Hall, 8 p.m. NC.

northern

FRACTURED (rock), Shooter's Saloon, 9:30 p.m. NC.

CONVOY (rock), Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.

GLASS ONION (rock), Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC.

ALAN GREENLEAF & THE DOCTOR (folk), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

THU.22

burlington area

JAZZ JAM, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC. **SHANE HARDIMAN GROUP** (jazz), 9 p.m. NC. **ANTHONY SANTOR TRIO** (jazz), 11 p.m. NC.

A-DOG PRESENTS (electronic dance), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.

JAH RED (Latin soul), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

WILD OUT! WITH DJ SKEE (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DANCE PARTY (hip-hop, r&b DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ BIG DOG & MATLOCK MUSIC (reggae), Plan B, 6 p.m. NC.

DJ FATTIE B (down tempo, soul), The Green Room, 9 p.m. NC.

NICK CASSARINO (jazz), Harbor Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC.

LIVE MUSIC, Blue Star Café, 8 p.m. NC.

BLUES NIGHT WITH BLUE FOX, Backstage Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

BALANCE 75 & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 8 p.m. NC.

central

QUARRY QUIZ TRIVIA NIGHT, Stonecutters Roadhouse, 7 p.m. NC.

northern

LIONS PRIDE DJ'S [illegible] NIGHT, Piecasso, 8:30 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE NIGHT WITH SASSY ENTERTAINMENT, Tabu Café & Nightclub, 5 p.m. NC.

FRI.23

burlington area

SUPERSOUNDS DJ (top 40), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

THE MATT WRIGHT GROUP (jazz), Red Square, 8 p.m. $3. Followed by **FIZZY LIFTING WITH TRICKY PAT** (hip-hop), midnight. $3.

FATTIE B. (hip-hop), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

SETH YACOVONE (solo acoustic blues), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC. Followed by **THE NATE WILSON GROUP, THE BOB & SOPHIE LAZARO DUO, TRAIN TO CALIFORNIA** (rock), 9 p.m. $5.

TOP HAT DANCETERIA (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $5.

[illegible] WITH DJ [illegible] (hip-hop, reggae, Latin), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $3/10. 18+.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ FATTIE B & DJ A-DOG (hip-hop), Plan B, 9 p.m. NC.

DJK (funk, soul, groove), The Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.

JEREMY LIENS, MIA ADAMI & K DAVIS, (singer-songwriter), The Skinny Pancake, 10 p.m. NC.

LIVE MUSIC, Blue Star Café, 8 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

MANSFIELD PROJECT (rock), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 8 p.m. NC.

SMOKIN' GUN (rock), Franny O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE FRIDAYS WITH ZACK LINGE, Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, 8 p.m. NC. AA.

champlain valley

THE SKINNY DEVIL BAND (rock), City Limits, 8 p.m. NC.

central

POLYESTER ('80s hits), Charlie O's, 8:30 p.m. NC.

HONKY TONK HAPPY HOUR WITH MARK LEGRAND, Langdon St. Café, 5 p.m. Donations. **WRECKING BALL** (country), 8 p.m. Donations.

BLUE LIGHT JAZZ WITH GIOVANNI ROVETTO, NICK CASSARINO, ANDY SOUTO, Positive Pie 2, 8 p.m. Donations.

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STAINED CLASS :: A product of the Boston/Cambridge folk scene of the early 1960s, songwriter **Bill Staines** is a genuine American original. He's traversed the country plying his trade for more than three decades, averaging nearly 200 concerts per year. His immense catalogue of original music includes songs that have been covered by the likes of Peter, Paul & Mary, Jerry Jeff Walker and country super-group The Highwaymen. Yet he's still a relative unknown beyond hardcore folkie circles. And that's just the way Staines likes it. The seasoned New England singer performs this Friday at one of Vermont's most intimate venues, Bradford's Middle Earth Music Hall.

FRI.23 << 11B

FRACTURED (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.

BILLY CALDWELL (acoustic), Cider House BBQ, 7 p.m. NC.

BILL STAINES (folk), Middle Earth Music Hall, 9:30 p.m. $15.

northern

LIVE MUSIC (rock), [illegible] Pub, 9:30 p.m. $3.

FRACTURED (rock), Shooter's Saloon, 9:30 p.m. NC.

[illegible] (rock), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC.

GLASS ONION (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.

THE FREE BAND (rock), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.

THE [illegible] BROTHERS (blues), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

SAT.24

burlington area

DUBLIN STONE (bluegrass), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ A-[illegible] (hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. $3.

STEREOPHONIC (jazzy [illegible]), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

[illegible], JACKIE'S WICKED, VITALS, [illegible] IN ITHICA, [illegible] (hardcore, experimental), 242 Main, 7 p.m. $7. AA.

[illegible] (singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **THE [illegible], [illegible]** (hip-hop CD release, singer-songwriter), 9 p.m. $5.

[illegible] (house party), Club Metronome, 10 p.m. $6.

MASSIVE (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.

DEJA VU LADIES' NIGHT WITH DJ ROBBIE J (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $3/10. 18+

DJ C-LOW (hip-hop), Rúben James, 10 p.m. NC.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

"PULSE" WITH NYCE DJ (electronica), Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ ANUBUS & 22 (hip-hop, reggae), Plan B, 9 p.m. NC.

[illegible] KENDES (singer-songwriter), The Skinny Pancake, 10 p.m. NC.

TICK TICK DANCE PARTY WITH DJ DALE (retro), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. NC.

LIVE MUSIC, Blue Star Café, 9 p.m. NC.

[illegible] (rock), Backstage Pub, 9:30 p.m. NC.

RUN FOR COVER (rock), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

DANCE PARTY WITH DJ EARL, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

central

POLYESTER (70s hits), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

THE [illegible] (jazz), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations.

THE [illegible] (soul), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

AREA 59 (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.

[illegible] (acoustic), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

[illegible] (blues), Waterbury Wings, 9 p.m. NC.

JEREMY LYONS & [illegible] (alt-country), Middle Earth Music Hall, 9:30 p.m. $10.

northern

CRAB [illegible] (rock), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC.

[illegible] (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.

ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TOXIC (hip-hop, top 40, house, reggae), Tabu Café & Nightclub, 5 p.m.-4 a.m. NC. 18+

KARAOKE CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH [illegible] & RANGER DAVE, Pacamo, 9:30 p.m. NC.

ZERO GRAVITY (rock), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.

OPEN MIKE WITH JAY & ELISE, Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

SUN.25

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IRISH SESSION, Ri Ra Irish Pub, 5 p.m. NC.

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MENOPHEX (swampy funk), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC

REAL IN SESSIONS WITH ORANGUTE (roots, dub), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC

30 YARD REGGAE NIGHT WITH DJS BIG DOG & DEMUS, Nectar's, 10 p.m. NC

FUNKWAGON (funk), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

18+ DANCE PARTY WITH DJ ZEPH (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $8. 18+/$7

PINE STREET JAZZ WITH ELIZABETH, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 8 p.m. NC

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 8 p.m. NC

BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC

central

ANDREW MOROZ TRIO (jazz), Langdon St. Café, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

PETE & AJ (acoustic), Main Street Bar & Grill, 10 a.m. NC

DAVE MURPHY (American roots), Capitol Grounds, 8 p.m. NC

northern

IRISH SESSION, Bee's Knees, 3 p.m. NC

MON.26

burlington area

NO-GUITAR OPEN MIKE, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC

GRIPPO FUNK BAND, Red Square, 8 p.m. NC

LIVE MUSIC, 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC

HOLLYWOOD ZARR (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. $5/NC. 18+

WEEN (eclectic rock), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $35. AA

TINARIWEN (world), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $13/16. AA

[illegible], PATTY REAGAN, KELLY RAVIN TRIO (folk, singer-songwriter), Monkey House, 8 p.m. NC

SINGER-SONGWRITER NIGHT WITH STEPHANIE KEESLER, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 6:30 p.m. NC

central

OPEN MIKE, Langdon St. Café, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

TUE.27

burlington area

[illegible] TEMPO (latin), Radio Bean, 6:30 p.m. NC. **ACOUSTIC CREATURES** (folk), 8:30 p.m. NC. **HONKY TONK SESSIONS**, 10 p.m. $3

WILL PATTON, [illegible] SCHANNER, DAVID GUSAKOV (gypsy jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC

[illegible] BASEMENT WITH JON DEMUS & SUPER K (reggae, dancehall, hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC

LIVE MUSIC, 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC

SILENT MIND (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

18+ DANCE PARTY WITH DJ ZEPH (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $8. 18+/$7

OPEN TURNTABLES NIGHT, The Green Room, 9:30 p.m. NC

ACOUSTIC TUESDAY WITH CITIZEN BARE, WILL [illegible], Monkey House, 9 p.m. NC

BLUEGRASS NIGHT WITH THE WINDING ROAD, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC

champlain valley

SHOOTER NIGHT, City Limits, 6 p.m. NC.

central

KARAOKE WITH BLUE MOON ENTERTAINMENT, Charlie O's, 9 p.m. NC

EARTHMAN (folk), Langdon St. Café, 9 p.m. Donations, followed by **ANDREW PARKER RENGA** (indie-folk), 8 p.m. Donations.

DOUG PERKINS & CHRISTINA (acoustic jazz), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC

northern

OPEN MIKE, Olive Ridley's, 9 p.m. NC

KARAOKE, Piecasso, 9 p.m. NC

ALLEN CHURCH (folk), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

WED.28

burlington area

ENSEMBLE V (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **IRISH SESSIONS**, 9 p.m. NC

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TEXTBOOK :: Fans of local hip-hop have had much to give thanks for in 2007, as a steady stream of topnotch releases from area heavyweights hit the streets — and dirt roads — of our fair state. Hot on the high-top-clad heels of stellar efforts from VT Union, GTP and Marty C comes *The Sacred Document* from Burlington's rhyme-spittin' impresarios **The Aztext,** which Seven Days music editor Dan Bolles calls . . . well, if you read the review in this issue, you'll know what he calls it. In short, it's good! Really flexible good. Check 'em out live this Saturday as The Aztext celebrate their CD release at Nectar's with guest turns by The Truth, DJ Ambrose, GTD and Wombaleme Rex. So that's wassup.

WED 28 << 13B

Acoustic Lounge, 8 p.m. NC

OPEN POETRY NIGHT WITH MACKLIN FINLEY, Dobra Tea, 7 p.m. NC

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NICK DAVIES & DARKSMR (jazz), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC, followed by **DJ CRE8** (hip-hop), 11 p.m. NC

HIGH LONESOME DUO, DARCIE RICHARDSON (country), 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC

KRONIC RADIO RETURN (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC. AA.

SUPERSTAR KARAOKE, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC

ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO STRING QUINTET, JEFFREY FOUCAULT (Americana), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8:30 p.m. $17/20. AA.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC

CELTIC PARTY WITH LONGFORD ROW, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC

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OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM, On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC

AARON FLINN (singer-songwriter), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $10.

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ADAM SULLIVAN (singer-songwriter), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **ERIC SOMMER** (singer-songwriter), 9 p.m. Donations.

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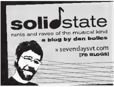

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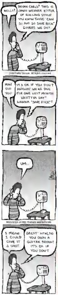
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THE NEW GROOVE ORCHESTRA, *ILLHARMONIC*

(Self-released, CD)

You know what Vermont needs more of? Funk bands! ... OK, I'm completely messin' with you. In fact, the last thing we need here in the land of the free jams and the home of loosely derivative noodle-someness is another rock-blues-soul-jazz-hip-hop musical whatchamacallit. Just because you have a wah pedal and a Rhodes organ doesn't entitle you to ramble on for an hour and a half and only play four songs. I don't make the rules, people. I just enforce 'em. The one and only exception is if you're really, really good! Or, maybe if you're dying and the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants your wish to totally jam out, bro. Maybe.

With their debut album, *Illharmonic*, Montreal's New Groove Orchestra prove they might just be that [illegible] — the first one, just to clarify.

Created in 2007 by members of McGill University's renowned jazz program, NGO is a sprawling 10-piece ensemble — or "orchestra" — featuring topnotch players from all over the world, including Vermont. Sax player and co-founder Nathaniel [illegible] is a product of Rut-Vegas, baby! That would be Rutland for the flat landers.

The band doesn't necessarily break the mold when it comes to song structure or arrangements. But the difference between NGO and your average college funk outfit is that these cats can seriously play. The rhythm section consistently lays down airtight grooves throughout the record. In particular, bassist Matt Powell brings some of the slickest lines this side of vocalist Meghan Patrick's [illegible]. Uh-oh. Did I think that or type it? Hoo-boy.

Speaking of Patrick, the sultry front woman is a real siren. Though lacking the full-bodied voice of say, Sharon Jones or Burlington ex-pat [illegible] Williams, the Ontario native has some downright sexy pipes. Despite the relatively thin quality of her timbre, she's usually more than capable of pulling off impressively [illegible] performances.

The heart and soul of the band [illegible] the horns. With a pair of trumpets, a trombone and two saxophones, this section is full and well heated. My only real complaint with this line is that I want more of them. The album's best moments are when the horns take center stage, delivering slightly playful [illegible]. More horns. Got it?

The New Groove Orchestra has the potential to stand out in a cluttered field of [illegible] bands [illegible] originals. If you've grown tired of [illegible] funk, check 'em out this Tuesday at Nectar's.

DAN BOLLES

THE AZTEXT, *THE SACRED DOCUMENT*

(AZT Records, CD)

The Vermont hip-hop hit parade just keeps rolling. In the last six months, urban music aficionados have been treated to a slew of local releases featuring bombastic beats, killer rhymes and phenomenal flow from some of the area's best and brightest. VT Union's *The Mixtape*, GTD's *32 Seasons: The Album* and a self-titled debut from Essex MC Fattie B have set the beat-dropping bar exceptionally high in the realm of local hip-hop. But it could be argued that Burlington trio The Aztext beat all those releases to the punch with their critically acclaimed 2006 debut *Haven't You Heard?* Not to be outdone — by themselves or anyone else — the B-town boys are back with a formidable follow-up, *The Sacred Document*. Hip-hop hooray, indeed!

Centered around the formidable lyrical skills of MCs Pro and Learic — with more than a little help from DJ Big Kat — The Aztext pick up where they left off on one of this newspaper's "Top Ten Albums of the Year" in 2006 — and make a strong case for a repeat in 2007. This time around, they've employed the talents of some regional A-list [illegible] to showcase their talents.

The deft vocal acrobatics that garnered their first disc such high praise are on full display throughout the record. In fact, it's possible Pro and Learic are an even more harmoniously hypnotic duo than they were when they cooked up a year ago. They've honed their rhyming abilities to a razor-sharp point, seamlessly flowing in and out of each other's bars, and promptly serve notice on the album's first full track. Aptly titled "We Back," it was produced by local hip-hop impresario Kevtee of VT Union.

Kevtee's work on the song — and a few others throughout the album — highlights one of the disc's great strengths: production. Featuring beats by some of the region's most respected and accomplished producers, *The Sacred Document* sets itself apart. Tek Sonata, Special Weapon and The Loyalists' E Town and DJ Touchphonics all take turns making beats, the result being one of the more sonically diverse local albums you'll hear — hip-hop or otherwise. Touchphonics' work is particularly inspired — his turntable cuts on "Political" are simply sick.

The Aztext aren't merely one of the area's best hip-hop acts. They're one of the best local groups, period. Catch their CD release party this Saturday at Nectar's, hosted by E Town and with special guest performances by Double A?, Bombasticus Rex, [illegible] and Nemesis, The Teeth and DJ [illegible].

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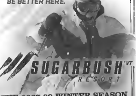

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Music preview: Tinariwen

BY DAN BOLLES

TINARIWEN

The young "poet soldiers" called Tinariwen comprise one of the most exciting groups on the world-music landscape. Carlos Santana and Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant are among their growing legion of fans. But the band's story is long and tragic, born of the brutal, ongoing Touareg rebellion in the West African nation of Mali.

The Touaregs are a mysterious nomadic tribe, roaming the vast expanse of the Sahara Desert with no real place to call home. Tinariwen's music is similarly transient, drawing on Western influences such as blues and rock while remaining rooted in tribal traditions. The result is a sound that embodies their culture's restless spirit as well as the hope for a brighter future.

Seven Days recently "conversed" with Tinariwen multi-instrumentalist Abdallah Ag Alhousseyni via email and a translator in advance of his group's performance next *Monday* for the Putumayo and Cumbancha World Music Series at the Higher Ground Showcase Lounge.

SEVEN DAYS: Do you see parallels between the nomadic nature of Touareg culture and your lives now as touring musicians?
ABDALLAH AG ALHOUSSEYNI: Yes, but only "poetic" ones. In reality, the life is quite different. Even though the nomad in the desert moves around, following the seasons and the best pastures with his herds, his life is actually quite anchored: first in a specific region of the desert, second in his family, his clan, his traditions, and thirdly with his animals, which provide everything he and his family need to survive. It's a quiet, isolated and very tranquil existence, and is based entirely on one's relationship with nature. ... Touring in a band is all about being in cities, about constantly moving on a day-to-day basis, about being cut off from nature, and from quiet and solitude, about being ruled 24 hours a day by deadlines and schedules. It demands a completely different mentality.

Having said that, I do think that the Touareg are good travelers. They have an ethos of traveling and being away from home. It's part of our culture.

SD: How has the political turbulence in Mali informed your approach to music?
AA: I wouldn't say that it's the political turbulence so much as the social and cultural turbulence, which informs our music. Tinariwen was born out of the movement of young Touaregs away from their homes in northern Mali and Niger and into the *Maghreb*, especially Algeria and Libya, in the 1970s and 1980s. This was a social movement, forced by drought and lack of political freedom.

Of course, it had a political dimension, too. There was an official rebel movement in those days, the MPA (*Mouvement Populaire de l'Azawad*), and we were closely associated with it. But we never saw ourselves as politicians, always as musicians, singing about the realities of the current situation in the desert and urging our Touareg brothers and sisters to unite, to be strong, in order to face this difficult future.

SD: You draw inspiration from not only great African artists like Ali and Vieux Farka Touré, but also from American and European artists. Could you describe how Western influences have helped shape your music in conjunction with your native roots?
AA: The inspiration comes more from Vieux's father Ali Farka Touré than from Vieux himself. But we respect Vieux hugely and count him as a friend, especially after the recent run of dates we did together in Spain, Portugal and the USA. Ali was a big influence, not only on us, but on all Malian music. He had that inspiration in the late 1960s to play traditional music on the guitar.

As for western artists, we each have our own tastes. I'm a big fan of acoustic guitar music, especially country & western. I've recently discovered Johnny Cash, for example. Back in the 1980s, there were certain artists that we all listened to: like Santana and Dire Straits. But otherwise, our tastes are quite varied. Said is a big fan of hip-hop. Intidao likes his soul music. Ibrahim listens to all kinds of things. But I'd say that the strongest common influence is our own traditional music. Nothing is stronger than that!

SD: Your music is often called revolutionary, yet your subject matter is rarely explicitly political. What is it about your writing that inspires such passion among its listeners?
AA: It's true that Tinariwen has long been associated with the rebellion. But we were always more about the rebellion of the soul than the rebellion of the gun. Nevertheless, people are often quite happy with a superficial perception of what we're about. They read about rebellion, and the fact that some of us were there in the middle of it, and then to them we're a revolutionary band. If you actually read the lyrics to our songs, they're more to do with raising awareness of our situation, of what needs to be done. And often they're very, very personal, and all about our feelings of loneliness and separation from our loved ones and family.

SD: What messages do you hope American audiences will gain from your performances?
AA: It's not so much a message as a general impression that we're hoping to convey. One that says there is a place called the Sahara Desert. It is inhabited by an ancient people with their own ancient culture. This culture is beautiful and unique and, like many beautiful and unique cultures, it faces many political, social and environmental problems. If people understand that much, we're doing a good job. And, of course, if they're having a great time while they're understanding it, then we're doing an even better one!

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MASTERS OF SUSPENSION

When Rodgers and Hammerstein's beloved Broadway musical *The Sound of Music* came to the silver screen in 1965, marionettes got pride of place in the enchanting "Lonely Goatherd" sequence. The Salzburg Marionette Theater, based in the Austrian city where the film is set, goes one step farther and offers a full puppetry version of the musical classic. The story, of course, follows the Von Trapp family's experience with an ex-nun turned musical-governess, with whom the Captain and his brood would relocate from Austria to Stowe. Master puppeteers bring wooden figurines to life, with some surprising stage tricks. Will Maria ride a bicycle? And will the seven marionette children stage a puppet show themselves, featuring a tiny yodeling field hand? See for yourself at the Flynn this Tuesday.

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music

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ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: Got kilt? This Scottish-style marching band welcomes new members to play bagpipes or percussion. St. James Episcopal Church, Essex Junction, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 877-7555.

dance

'SALSALINA' PRACTICE: Work on your sensuous salsa routines at this weekly Latin dance session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, nonmembers 8 p.m., members 7 p.m. $12. Info, 598-1077.

BALLROOM INTRO: Want to waltz, foxtrot or tango? Learn where to put your feet in a session that covers the classics. Shelburne Health & Fitness, 7:30-8:30 p.m. $15. Info, 985-5141.

film

'AMERICAN DRUG WAR': Texas filmmaker Kevin Booth examines the big issues in a revealing expose of the 55-year U.S. 'War on Drugs' policy. Kriya Studio, 115 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 6 p.m. $2.50. Info, 802-5806.

'EASTERN PROMISES': In this crime thriller, a young midwife becomes enmeshed in London's Russian-gangster underworld while tracking down a newborn's relatives. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $8.50. Info, 748-2600.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal-care staff at ECHO, Burlington, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 & 3 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Readings of family faves provide morning fun for toddlers at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: Children gather for games, songs and stories at the Westford Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

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WATERBURY STORYTIME: Little ones ages 2 and under get hooked on books at the Waterbury Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

SKATING CLASSES: Beginning bladers aged 5 and older take to the ice in a special session to fill up Thanksgiving vacation. Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, newbies 9:30 a.m., beginners 10-11 a.m. $50-55 covers all three days. Info, 865-7558.

'MOVING & GROOVING': Two- to 5-year-olds boogie down to rock 'n' roll and world-beat music. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: The 60-plus set benefits from stretches and strength training. Senior Community Center, The Pines, South Burlington, 1:30 p.m. $5. Info, 658-7477.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: Activists stand together in opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Top of Church Street, Burlington, 5-5:50 p.m. Free. Info, 863-2345.

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CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: Fans of cocoa-covered confectionery see how it's made at Lake Champlain Chocolates, Shelburne, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 255-5591.

ESL GROUPS: Non-native speakers learn English at the South Burlington Community Library, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080. Also at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: Crafty types pause for purls amid midday stitches. Waterbury Public Library, noon-1 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: Ex-soldiers share info, market tips, training info and employment leads. VFW Post, Essex Junction, 9:30-11 a.m. & American Legion Post, St. Albans, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 652-0339.

BINGO: A winning card could net cash at the Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. $11. Info, 865-3982.

CHARITY BINGO: Players seek matches on numbered cards, then say the word. [illegible] Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 for 12 cards. Info, 890-1510.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: In 45-minute info sessions, neighborhood helpers hear about a program that coordinates friendly home visits and assistance for aging seniors. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Chace Mill, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, www.cvaa.org or 865-0360.

'LUNCH & LEARN' SERIES: Backyard birders learn how to create a "home, tweet home" for feathered friends. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, noon-1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

HEBREW READING WORKSHOP: Beginners convene to comprehend a written language. Temple Sinai, South Burlington, 4:30-8 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 862-5125.

TURKEY ROUND-UP: Donors drop off holiday birds or money to purchase them, along with canned veggies, boxed stuffing and other seasonal items. Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, 228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Free. Info, 658-7939.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: Female entrepreneurs develop new skills at a meal-augmented meeting. Windjammer Conference Center, South Burlington, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. $17-20. Reservations and info, aurtys@comcast.net or 503-9265.

GERMAN ENGLISH EXCHANGE: Anglophones practice foreign language conversation with native speakers of Deutsch and vice versa. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

music

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film

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 21.

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sport

GOBBLE GOBBLE WOBBLE: Drumstick lifters work to raise an appetite for roasted birds in a 5K "turkey trot" for all ages. Starts at the Mill House, Stratton Village Common, registration 7:30-8 a.m., race 9:15 a.m. $18-20. Info, www.active.com or 800-787-2886.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 21.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER: Families and elders in need enjoy a traditional holiday meal. Chase Community Center, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, noon-1:30 p.m. Free; deliveries also available. Volunteers needed 6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Info, 831-1251.

SWEETWATERS THANKSGIVING: The Church Street eatery offers turkey with all the trimmings to all comers and partners with the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging to deliver meals to Chittenden County seniors. Sweetwaters Restaurant, Burlington, noon-5 p.m. Free. Info, 864-9800.

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music

Also see clubdates in Section B.

BENEFIT CONCERT: Multiple bands rock on in memory of teen athlete Sam Cohn of Richmond to fund snowboarding and climbing scholarships. West Monitor Barn, Richmond, 7 p.m. $10. Info, www.samstones.org or 434-5570.

HARLEM GOSPEL CHOIR: The brash singers from Harlem's black churches raise the roof with soulful singing at the Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 8 p.m. $10-15. Info, 775-0903.

FRAN [illegible] & THE SHAPER CROFT BAND: The performers triumph with country, folk and gospel tunes at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL: Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and Latin dancing. Jazzercize Studio, Williston, 7:15 p.m. $10. Info, 862-2887.

ARGENTINEAN TANGO: Shoulders tuck, chins up. With or without partners, dancers of all abilities strut to slow bandoneon riffs in a self-guided practice session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, 598-1077.

REBECCA KELLY BALLET: Guest artists twirl in tutus and cat masks for a production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2 & 7:30 p.m. $15-20. Info, www.kellyballetplattsburgh.org or 518-563-1604.

drama

'FORBIDDEN X-MAS 3': The newly formed Café Incoherent troupe pokes fun at the man in red in an off-color take on the holidays. See calendar spotlight. Valley Center for the Arts, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $20. Info, 496-4781.

GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS: Twenty-five tumblers from China pile high to form mythic, moving animals and juggle everything from soccer balls to umbrellas. Lebanon Opera House, N.H., 5 p.m. $9-23. Info, 603-448-0400.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: A screening of the award-winning *Ice to the Air* and a ski descent of Mount Everest kick off eight days of snow-centric cinema. Akeley Memorial Building, Stowe, 7 p.m. $5. Info, 253-7311, ext. 201.

'INTO THE WILD': In this film based on a true story, a young university grad gives up all his possessions to hitchhike cross-country to Alaska. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

art

Also see exhibitions in Section A.

FIBER ARTS DEMOS: Spinners, weavers and knitters handle wooly stuff at the Mountain Fiber Folk Cooperative, Montgomery Center, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 326-2092.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 21, 9:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters age 3 and older gather for story time at the South Burlington Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

LINCOLN LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters up to age 5 form good reading habits in a tale-centered song-and-craft session. Lincoln Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

VISIT WITH SANTA: Saint Nick stops and poses for photos with kids of all ages amid decorated trees and colorful poinsettias. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 21, 10 a.m.

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To purists, the move was a masterstroke. With an "RE" and an "R" on the board, separated by seven spaces, a veteran player at last weekend's 2nd Annual Green Mountain Scrabble Challenge neatly placed every tile from his rack of seven to complete the word "RECONSIDER." A 13-year-old boy animatedly discussed the move with a group of thirtysomethings, recalling an improvisational play of his own a few moments before. With just "L," "E," "Y," "S" to work with, and needing to plug into three other words, he performed Scrabble alchemy by playing "BALDREYS."

Sherrie Saint John, co-director of the Challenge, smiled as she recalled both moments. A resident of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., who has directed many such tournaments, she was attracted to the Vermont version by that brand of inspired play. "It's not that difficult to imagine simply completing a four- or five-letter word when you already have the first two letters on the board," she suggested. "But to be able to think multidimensionally like that, with the pressure of a tournament match and time constraints ... amazing."

Since its creation in 1938 by architect Alfred Mosher Butts, Scrabble has sold 100 million sets in 121 countries and 29 language variations. The 10,000-member National Scrabble Association sanctions some 250 tournaments and more than 300 clubs in North America alone. The Vermont event drew players from as far as California — a particular triumph for co-director Jane Whitmore.

"It was a gamble," she conceded. "There was no guarantee that we'd get good attendance, but in the end we just thought, 'If we build it, they will come.'"

And they did. Seventy-six players — 15 from Vermont — came hoping to win one of the four divisions, which are divided according to skill level. First place in the "A" division brings a trophy and $400, but for serious competitors, winning is more about raising a player's rank in order to compete in higher divisions. The Holy Grail would be a chance to play at the U.S. Scrabble Open or the World Scrabble Championship.

"I'm just thrilled that we have an event of our own," Whitmore said. "There are very few venues in which an 80-year-old can compete against a 15-year-old, and both will have a wonderful time."

MATT SCANLON

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 21.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 21.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 21.

TERTULIA LATINA: Latinoamericanos and other fluent Spanish speakers converse en español at Radio Bean, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 865-3441.

OLD-FASHIONED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND: Feasting families celebrate Turkey Day 1890s-style at the Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. $3-10. Info, 457-2355.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE: The big man [illegible] for a march up Church Street, then listens to little ones' holiday wishes inside the Burlington Town Center Mall. Starts in front of Burlington City Hall, 11:45 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7255.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY: Carolers herald a stage version of "The Night Before Christmas," shortly before Santa throws the switch to illuminate town. Top of Church Street, Burlington, show 5:30 p.m.; lights 6:06 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7253.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: Volunteers pack presents in pretty paper to support the Burlington Emergency Shelter. University Mall, South Burlington, 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Donations. Volunteer info, 862-9876.

ANARCHIST CRAFT CIRCLE: Creative types put their heads together over group projects that dismantle hierarchies, one stitch at a time. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, www.thebobbin.com or 899-6202.

SAT.24

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

BENEFIT CONCERT: Local bands Amadis, Therevolv, Skunky Green and more join forces to raise funds for scholarships in memory of Sam Lohn, a local teen who loved to rock. West Monitor Barn, Richmond, 7-10 p.m. $10 suggested donation. Info, 434-3576.

NILE GUERRERO OCTET: The Boston-based vocalist and composer leads her ensemble in vibrant Cuban-American folk music with jazz improv. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5966.

BOB DYLAN WANNABE CONTEST: Tousle-haired lads and lasses do their best to look and sound like the acoustic legend. Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, 7-10 p.m. $10. Info, wilbur2bdylan@hotmail.com or 223-4752.

dance

REBECCA KELLY BALLET: See November 21.

'THE NUTCRACKER': Dance students from area schools are featured in the Albany Berkshire Ballet production of Tchaikovsky's beloved work about a Christmas Eve dream. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 3 & 7:30 p.m. $16-34. Info, 863-5966.

OTTER CREEK CONTRAS: Caller Lausanne Allen keeps dancers moving to traditional tunes by Pete and Karen Sutherland. Holley Hall, Bristol, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 453-4613.

CONTRA DANCE: Cuckoo's Nest makes music for dancers in clean shoes and Chip Hedler calls the steps. Tracy Hall, Norwich, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 785-4607.

drama

'FORBIDDEN X-MAS 3': See November 23, 4 & 8 p.m. $12-20.

'JACK & THE BEANSTALK': The No Strings Marionette Company presents its all-ages adaptation of the giant adventure that grows from three magic legumes. Chandler Center for the Arts, Randolph, 11 a.m. $5. Info, 728-6464.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: See November 23. The previous evening's films screen at the Vermont Ski Museum, 3 p.m. $5. Catch screenings of the East-Coast backcountry flick Wonderland and the snow powder fun *Seven Sunny Days* at the Rusty Nail, Stowe, 7 p.m. $5.

'INTO THE WILD': See November 23.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

FIBER ARTS DEMOS: See November 23.

words

PHOEBE DAMROSCH: The Vermont native and ex-waiter dishes tidbits from *Service Included*, her autobiographical account of waiting at high-end restaurants in New York City. Flying Pig Bookstore Loft, Shelburne, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 985-3999.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

VISIT WITH SANTA: See November 23.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: Babies up to age 2 socialize with each other and their caregivers at a session offering music, books and toys. Winooski Memorial Library, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info, 655-6424.

SATURDAY STORIES: Librarians read from popular picture books at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-6515.

BORDERS STORYTIME: Little bookworms listen to stories at Borders, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-2711.

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BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Kids ages 4 and up settle down for stories at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington. 11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

ARCTIC ARTS & CRAFTS: Renowned craftsman Ben T. Matchstick helps indoor adventurers construct an all-paper "Inukshuk" figure traditionally used by the Inuit to mark boundaries, paths and sacred sites. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

sport

ZUMBA FITNESS: Step-by-steppers try out Latin-dance-inspired exercises mixed with high energy international rhythms. Fitness Options, South Burlington, 8:30 a.m. $7. Info, 734-8479.

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE: Wintry perambulators guided hikers trek through lunar light. Departs from the Stratton Mountain Resort parking lot, 7 p.m. $10. Reservations and info, 297-4230.

etc

BINGO: See November 21.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 21.

OLD-FASHIONED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND: See November 22.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: See November 23.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET: Shoppers seeking locally raised edibles pick up root vegetables, cheeses, pickles and other lavish provisions at the Old Strand Theater, Rutland, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 287-4611.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: Hot chocolate, smores, ornament making and a window-decoration contest accompany Pentax seasonal kickoff at Stratton Village, 5-6 p.m. Free. Info, 800-787-2999.

VIDEO EDITING: Camera wielders who've taken an access orientation course learn how to create non-linear narratives with Final Cut Pro software. VCAM Channel 17 Studio, Burlington, 5-7 p.m. Free. Info, www.vermontcam.org or 651-9692.

COUNTRY CRAFTERS SHOW: The Northeast Kingdom's annual holiday fair features more than 70 crafters, hot luncheons and a penny auction. St. Johnsbury School, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 748-4934.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON HOLIDAY MARKET: Local artisans move ceramics, handmade crafts and balsam wreaths at a seasonal fair that also serves soup and sandwiches. Craftsbury Academy Gym, Craftsbury Common, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 586-2482.

VERMONT WOMEN'S FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS: Unique handmade wares by 50 local female artisans fill three floors of Burlington City Hall, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 863-8854.

SEWING MACHINE INTRO: Feed dogs? Zipper feet? First-timers learn the anatomy of sewing aids, then take a practice test drive and plan an easy project. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $30. Info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-5202.

SUN.25

music

See clubdates in Section B.

dance

REBECCA KELLY BALLET: See November 20, 2 p.m.

'THE NUTCRACKER': See November 24, 1 p.m.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: See November 20: the previous evening's films screen at the Vermont Ski Museum, 3 p.m. $9. A showcase for emerging filmmakers fills the same venue at 7 p.m. $9.

'INTO THE WILD': See November 23, 1:30 & 7 p.m.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

VISIT WITH SANTA: See November 23.

etc

CHARITY BINGO: See November 21, 2 & 7 p.m.

OLD-FASHIONED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND: See November 22.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: See November 23, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

VERMONT WOMEN'S FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS: See November 24, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SCRABBLE CLUB: Triple-letter-square seekers wage word wars at the McClure MultiGenerational Center, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, 872-7958.

ANTIQUES MARKET: Treasure-hunters find bargains at the Elks Country Club, Montpelier, preview 7:30 a.m., market 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. $2-5. Info, 773-444-2012.

ECO-SEWING WORKSHOP: Ornament makers create holiday baubles from recycled fabric and notions. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington. Drop in from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. $10 includes materials. Info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-5202.

MON.26

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

ENTER THE HAGGIS: The Toronto-based band blends bagpipes with funky, raw Celtic rock and hip-hop. Angell College Center Ballroom, SUNY Plattsburgh, 8 p.m. $10. Info, 518-867-2100.

OPEN ORCHESTRA READING: Area choral singers and instrumentalists breeze through Brahms' *German Requiem* at an impromptu concert hosted by the Green Mountain Mahler Festival. Riley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7:30 p.m. Free to perform or listen. Info, daniel.weiss@uvm.edu or 899-5097.

SAMBATUCADA! REHEARSAL: Percussive people pound out carnival rhythms at an open meeting of this Brazilian-style community drumming troupe. New members are welcome at the Switchback Brewery, Burlington, 6 p.m. $5. Info, 343-7107.

CHAMPLAIN ECHOES REHEARSAL: This women's a cappella chorus welcomes new members to four-part harmonies. The Pines Senior Center, South Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 879-0040.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE: Steppers sharpen their technique in foxtrot, cha-cha and other styles with a variety of partners. First Step Dance, Burlington, 8 p.m. $5. Info, 598-9757.

SWING DANCING: Put on your saddle shoes and head to an old-fashioned sock hop at The Black Door, Montpelier, 7:30-9 p.m. $6. Info, 223-1886.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: See November 23: the previous evening's films screen at the Vermont Ski Museum, 3 p.m. $9. Ice climber Will Gadd ascends northwestern Canada's Bosting frozen scenery in *Awakey* at the same venue, 7 p.m. $6.

'INTO THE WILD': See November 23.

CINE SALON: Film buffs contemplate put-by Palsey flocks at a screening of Adolphus Mekas' 1999 movie *Hallelujah the Hills*. Howe Library, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. Free. Info, info@albertfilms.net or 603-292-6785.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Photerbugs develop film and print pictures at the Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6-9 p.m. $8 per print. Reservations and info, 479-4127.

words

BOOK GROUP: Those curious about the oldest art of flowering discuss its depiction in Chris Bohjalian's novel *Water Witches*. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

(RE)INTRODUCING CLASSICAL GREEKS: Readers of Plato's *The Republic* consider vintage thinkers. Bernham Lounge, Wake Robin Retirement Community, Shelburne, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 985-9649.

ARCHER MAYOR: The celebrated author of the Vermont-based Joe Gunther mystery series reads from *Chat* and helps readers put a clue. Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

talks

THE MEDIA & PUBLIC OPINION: Television journalist Stewart Ledbetter, host of VPT's "Vermont This Week," sums up the current state of Vermont's "news business." Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, www.eeovermont.org or 862-2891.

DEMONSTRATION & LECTURE: Renowned German conductor Helmuth Rilling explicates tricky sections of Handel's epic *Messiah* oratorio prior to two concerts featuring the work. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2010.

'TURNING THE TIDE': Dr. Nils Daulaire, president and CEO of the Global Health Council, and Brown University professor of medicine Dr. Charles Carpenter explain the current status of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Medical Building, UVM, Burlington, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-5811.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 21, for children ages 2-5.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tots aged 3 to 5 enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and crafts at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

MUSIC TIME: Growing listeners aged 5 contemplate chords and bounce to rhythms. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

FAMILY SING-ALONG: Parents and kids belt out fun family favorites at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

DADS' GROUP: Fathers and fathers-to-be bring offspring up to age 5 to a playgroup, meal and social hour. Winooski Family Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 999-1422.

'ITTY BITTY SKATING': Pint-sized skaters take to the ice at Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, 10-11 a.m. $4. Info, 865-7558.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 21, 10 a.m.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 21.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 21.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: See November 23.

'INTERNET EXPLORATION': Intermediate-level browsers learn how to download files and refine and save the results of online searches. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 878-7217.

VETERANS HOMEBUYING CLASS: Active-duty and retired soldiers, as well as National Guard members, hear how to pre-qualify for a veterans' benefit that saves monthly mortgage insurance and closing costs. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 878-7975.

TUE.27

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

STUDENT RECITAL: Music majors play everything from jazz to classical on their chosen instruments. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040.

AMATEUR MUSICIANS' ORCHESTRA: Community players of all abilities and levels of experience practice pieces at South Burlington High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, www.amovt.org or 999-4097.

GARCH MOUNTAIN CHORUS: Male music makers rehearse barbershop singing and quartetting at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-2340.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE: See November 26. First Step Dance, Shelburne.

SWING DANCING: Open practice makes perfect for music-motivated swing dancers of all levels. Champlain Club, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $3. Info, 860-7501.

LINE DANCING: Boot scooters show off fancy footwork at the Harvest Moon Banquet Room, Essex Junction, beginners' lesson 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-9 p.m. $5.50. Info, 434-2697.

drama

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC': The Salzburg Marionette Theater brings the snowy Alps to the Green Mountains in an adaptation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical. See calendar spotlight. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 7 p.m. $21-39. Info, 863-5966.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: See November 20: the previous evening's films screen at the Vermont Ski Museum, 3 p.m. $9. Flying snowsliders defy gravity in *Something Stronger* at the same venue, 7 p.m. $9.

'INTO THE WILD': See November 23.

SECRET MOVIE NIGHT: Indie film buffs wait with bated breath for a cinematic surprise. Studio STK, Burlington, 8 p.m. $5. Info, 999-5999.

'THE NEW MEDICINE': Students of alternative healing view the first half of this Dana Reeve-narrated PBS documentary about holistic medicine's effect on conventional clinics and hospitals. Room 207, Bentley Hall, Johnson State College, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 635-1479.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

ARCHER MAYOR: See November 26. Bear Pond Books, Montpelier. Info, 229-0774.

BURLINGTON WRITERS' GROUP: Bring pencil, paper and the will to be inspired to the Rose Street Gallery, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 758-2287.

'THE BIG READ': Members of Lost Nation Theater offer dramatic readings from Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* as part of a community literacy project. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

talks

'THE POLITICS OF ABC'S': Religious studies scholar-in-residence Stephanie Pleege explains the relationship between religion and education in Restoration England. Farrell Room, St. Edmunds Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, noon. Free. Info, 654-2999.

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN LECTURE: International landscape architect James Dobbin describes advances in environmentally conscious regional-development planning in Madagascar, Mozambique and Cuba. Room 301, Williams Hall, UVM, Burlington, 5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2014.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: See November 23, for walkers up to age 3.

ECHO STORYTIME: Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

TODDLER STORYTIME: Tykes under age 3 enjoy stories, songs and a snack at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

WINOOSKI STORYTIME: Preschoolers aged 2 and a-half to 5 expend energy in finger play and song, then listen to tales. Winooski Memorial Library, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 655-6424.

'MUSIC WITH ROBERT AND GIGI': Kids sing along with Robert Resnik and his fiddle-playing friend Gigi Weisman. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7216.

PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY PROGRAM: Small explorers aged 3 to 5 seek animals adapting for winter during outdoor investigations. North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, 10 a.m. $10. Info, 229-6206.

sport

ZUMBA FITNESS: See November 24, 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS: Beginner to intermediate stretchers strike poses for optimal alignment. Healing in Motion Lobby, Network Chiropractic of Vermont, Shelburne, 5:45-7:00 p.m. Free. Info, 985-9890.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 27.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 27.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 21.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: See November 21. The Black Door, Montpelier, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $17-18. Reservations and info, lowww@wbovt.com or 863-6266.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: See November 23.

PAUSE CAFE: Novice and fluent French speakers brush up on their linguistic skills — *en français*. Borders Café, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 999-1166.

SANTA SITS FOR PETS: Pooches and kitties pause for holiday portraits with the patron saint of gift giving. Bring pets on a leash to the lower level of the Burlington Town Center Mall, Church Street, Burlington, 5-8 p.m. Donations. Info, 865-7293.

WED.28

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: See November 27.

FRIDAY 23 & SATURDAY 24

HOLIDAY FOLLY

Everyone knows the straight story on Santa — belly like a bowlful of jelly, lives at the North Pole, fond of milk and cookies. This weekend, Café New Productions strips stereotypes from the twinkly-eyed totem in a new *Forbidden X-mas* revue. (This version is a fictional prequel to past holiday offerings from the Mad River Cabaret Troupe.) *Forbidden* chronicles a B-grade directing diva's career as they cast the part of St. Nick in an all-singing, all-dancing musical. Funnily festive [illegible] anthems, show tunes and seasonal novelty numbers such as "Santa Baby" send up both the present-toting big guy and the business of Broadway, with shades of Christopher Guest's film comedies. Naughty or nice? You decide, the elves will help you make up your mind!

'FORBIDDEN X-MAS 3'
Friday and Saturday, November 23 & 24, Bundy Center for the Arts, Waitsfield, see calendar for various times. $20. Info, 496-4781, www.bundycfa.org

UVM JAZZ VOCAL ENSEMBLE: Instrumental interludes by jazz combos round out choral arrangements of genre standards. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040.

HANDEL SOCIETY CONCERT: Singers celebrate the season with an orchestra-accompanied airing of Georg Friedrich Handel's *Messiah*, a massive oratorio containing text from both testaments of the Bible. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $20. Info, 603-646-2422.

dance

'SALSALINA' PRACTICE: See November 21.

BALLROOM INTRO: See November 21.

drama

SHAOLIN WARRIORS: Acrobatic athletes infuse monastic kung fu choreography in a theatrical Chinese stage show. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $29-47. Info, 863-5966.

MARK TWAIN PORTRAYAL: Professional actor Bern Budd dons a three-piece suit to offer advice to humanity in the style of America's greatest humorist. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

'THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE': This Broadway dance-musical follows a Kansas-girl-turned-fringe-skirted-flapper as she makes her way in Roaring '20s New York. Otter Valley Union High School students hit the boards at the Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 7:30 p.m. $10-15. Info, 775-0903.

film

STOWE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL: See November 28. The previous evening's films screen at the Vermont Ski Museum, 5 p.m. $5. Snowboard pioneer Paul Graves talks about the sport's evolution before 'boarding film *Any Means* at the same venue, 7 p.m. $5.

'INTO THE WILD': See November 23.

'TOKYO STORY': In this 1953 film, an aging couple journeys from their rural village to visit their two married children living in the capital of bustling, post-WWII Japan. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 9 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

'WHAT A CHARACTER' SERIES: Readers of Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse* discuss what makes its many protagonists so memorable. Pope Memorial Library, Danville, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 684-2256.

MEMORABLE MEMOIRS: Readers explore why Frank McCourt's book *Angela's Ashes* makes a compelling life story. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 899-4962.

talks

'BALANCING POWER': Law professors and a Vermont Supreme Court justice weigh in on how Green Mountain State government fixes power divisions among its different branches. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building, UVM, Burlington, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-4389.

'RACE IN THE MEDIA': Queen City officials, residents and creative types consider the depiction of people of color in print, TV and film. Center for Media & Democracy, CCTV Channel 17 Studios, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 658-3131, ext. 1077.

'KNOTTING THE WEB': UVM art history professor Kathleen Schneider relates craft to art. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 12:15 p.m. $5. Info, 656-2090.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 21.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: See November 21.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: See November 21.

ENOSBURG PLAYGROUP: See November 21.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 21.

'MOVING & GROOVING': See November 21.

PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY PROGRAM: See November 27.

PAJAMA STORYTIME: Kids cuddle up in their nightclothes for an hour of bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 6:45 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 21.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 21.

LEGACY PROJECT TOWN MEETING: A community meal precedes live music and an overview of the Queen City's long-term sustainability plan. Burlington City Hall Auditorium, 5-7:30 p.m. Free, includes dinner and on-site childcare. Info, 652-4229.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 21.

ESL GROUPS: See November 21.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: See November 21.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: See November 21.

BINGO: See November 21.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 21.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: See November 21.

'LUNCH & LEARN' SERIES: See November 21. Holiday crafters hear how to fashion wreaths and other decorations from fresh greens.

HEBREW READING WORKSHOP: See November 21.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: See November 21. Rutland Country Club, 6-8 p.m. $12-17. Info, wbonvt@comcast.net or 368-9286.

GIFT WRAP DEPOT: See November 28.

KNITTING POSSE: Needle-wielding crafters convene over good yarns. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

BURNHAM KNITTERS: Yarn [illegible] into purls at a chat-and-craft session. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

'PREPARING FOR THE A.C.T.': College-bound students get scoring info and standardized test-taking tips. VSAC Resource Center, Winooski, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177, ext. 880.

VERMONT TRAVEL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE: Innkeepers, restaurateurs and event marketers absorb info about bolstering sustainable tourism in the Green Mountain State. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, registration, 8 a.m.; conference, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. $25-165. Info, www.vtic.org or 865-5202.

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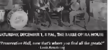

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MY NICKNAME IS "SPIKE"
Single mom of two dogs, looking for fun and new friends. Must have a sense of humor and love to laugh. Can't be afraid of life and what it throws at you. **lani_vegmontee40, 40, ☐ #104383**

SENSITIVE SMARTASS SEEKS...
Still looking for my path. Heck, still looking for the road sign to take me to my path! Artist, writer, flirtatious, overeducated and underemployed, sense of humor tends toward sarcastic, but there's a warm heart underneath. Love going out and staying home. Love trying new things. In search of warmth, humor, passion, intelligence, curiosity, fun, ____ **Amelia, 34, ☐ #103066**

WILD, BUT NOTHING ILLEGAL
I'm the type of person who likes to just go out somewhere. I like hiking up the slopes and dancing all night, but I can also just sit down and watch a movie. It would be nice to find a guy who can dance and will get up on the floor and grind with me. Life is short. Live it. **4gatorsgirl, 20, #104348**

ATTRACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT
I am delightful, but can't cook. I am funny and love to laugh. I enjoy being around men who speak other languages or who have a Spanish, Spanish or other foreign accent. I like to water ski but am afraid of the snow. It's all about what's in your heart and the kindness of your soul that makes a man special. **Lovita, 30, #104339**

ICH BIN EINE SCHLUMPF?
I am nothing but a good time. I love to joke around. My sense of humor is a bit on the sarcastic side. I have dwarf complexion and don't care. I love riding, hiking, skiing and kayaking. There is nothing better than spending the day outside getting dirty. Really looking for some fun and seeing where it will take me. **Dsnheed3, 22, ☐ #104393**

TEQUILA MAKES HER CLOTHES FALL OFF
I've spent way too much time working (which I love). Now I need to take a little fun and, just maybe, something more. I'm open to any situation. Wanna be just friends? Good, you can never have too many. Wanna add some casual fun between the sheets? I'm good with that too. Want something more? Bring it! **TequilaRo4, 44, ☐ #107298**

NEW TO THE AREA...
Hi! I'm new to the Burlington area and looking to make new friends and explore. I love the outdoors and adventure. I'm busy with my new job up here but would like to find people to do things with on my off time. I'm single but not desperate. Looking for friendship first, and someone to do things with. **Lisa, 47, ☐ #104293**

DONE AND GET GOOD LOVE
I am not interested in vegans because they will never fully appreciate string cheese and the happiness it has to offer. On a more serious note, I have a quirky sense of humor. I enjoy great music, thrift stores, fine things, coupons and generally getting a good deal. I like to smoke pot, drink alcohol, and have a good time. **lookingtotango, 24, ☐ #104484**

SHHHHH. YEAH, OK.
Please don't expect me to describe myself in five lines or less. So let me steal a line from Shrek. I'm like an onion: I have many layers. Better yet, let me just get straight to the point. I am looking for people to hang out with and become friends. Maybe people to date. **jennieanne, 23, ☐ #107254**

CREATIVE AND LOVING
Fun, loving, kind, compassionate, creative. I enjoy life, music to hiking, yoga to kayaking, to x-country, staying home to seeing the world. Me: artist, love good food and Saturday nights, leading to Sunday dinners. Searching for a woman who can dance with respect with me, herself and planet. Someone trustworthy, can respect faith. Someone interested in NY side of Lake Champlain; live in beautiful Adirondacks. **Fuzzee28, 44, #102806**

EARTHY, FRIENDLY MOM LOOKING
I am a single mom of two. Most of my time is spent with my kids or at work. I enjoy going for walks, reading, watching a good flick, crafting, going out, shopping. Before I was a mom I enjoyed kayaking, hiking, being in nature, photography. I am looking for someone who is honest, respectful, likes to have fun and laugh. **deck28?, 30, ☐ #104234**

OFFBEAT AND FUN!
Dress me up and I can enjoy the city life with flashy lights, cool music and big crowds. Dress me down and I can enjoy being surrounded by forests, camp fires and the sound of crickets. I enjoy meaningful conversation. Want to hear what you have to say and am open-minded enough not to judge. Prefer men 30-48. **purple_girl, 30, ☐ #104234**

FUN AND TALKATIVE
I am very easy to get along with. Love to go out and have fun. Like to sit inside, talk, and watch movies of all different kinds. Looking for someone who enjoys having fun. **smiley, 40, ☐ #107223**

CREATIVE, OUTGOING AND WARM
Hello there! After a whopping 8 years of college, I'm taking a year off to see what's out there. I've fallen in love with Vermont; the feel that people make eye contact, refuse to pronounce the "t" and wear sport hats in the winter with no concern to the havoc it may wreak on their do. A far cry from Montreal. **Nikigirl823, 25, ☐ #104242**

WOMEN seeking WOMEN

ADVENTUROUS, SPORTY, GENUINE, COMPASSIONATE, LOVABLE
I'm looking for someone not to try and understand me but to accept me for who I am. I love to be outside. My favorite activities are biking and skiing. I spend most of my winter at the mountain and most of my summer in the saddle. I am seeking some adventure and some good memories. **ojoliveeo, 28, ☐ #104383**

WHAT DO THE CARDS SAY?
Ask what I do and I'll respond in typical Swedish fashion: photographer, travel junkie, writer. If I can look back on my life with pleasure, I've lived it well. Make me laugh, tease me, challenge my brain. Just because I have an MA in English doesn't mean you have to quote Hemingway to impress me. I'd rather explore your beautiful places. **virgo10, 37, ☐ #104388**

COUNTRY GIRL, CUDDLY, NEEDING LOVE
Ok, here's the scoop. I'm about to be 21 and I want a BF. I'm the kind that I could never share with him cuz I tend to get jealous and it's just us. I love to chat and can always listen when you've had a bad day. I want someone to cuddle and hang out with. You do always good too though. So what's up? Let's chat. **Bubbles046, 20, #104343**

ONE JUAN DEMARCO IN 2100 TIME
Tired of always being a good girl. I'm looking for someone to get into trouble with. A true Juan DeMarco at heart, looking for someone who doesn't mind being swept away. I enjoy spending time at the movies, walking Church St. or hanging out at the dog park. Looking for friends, but if you're in for adventure, perhaps there may be more. **kellyrose2242, 26, ☐ #107536**

ADVENTURE BEGINS OUT OF COMFORT ZONE
I am all about learning and trying new things. I like to be stimulated, mind, body and soul. I am looking for new people and adventures to fulfill my needs. So, if you are interested in sharing some adventures with me, let's talk! **shanna, 43, ☐ #104064**

CAN YOU KEEP UP?
I'm looking for someone who I can hang out with. My ideal would be someone with an aggressive, strong personality who knows what they want and is not afraid to go after it. I want someone who likes to party and have a good time, but also likes to relax and watch movies. **NI_ghost_04, 23, ☐ #104184**

HMM.
Well, I like to think of myself as pretty chill. I can definitely be an extrovert, but I don't usually lose control. I would say, anything you want to know, just ask. I am looking for someone to share some good moments with, have fun, create a friendship, explore life and learn something with. **pAtAalaVie, 22, ☐ #104138**

FEELING MY ELECTRICITY
I am a romantic to the core. I've lived in Vermont most of my life. I'm sarcastic, though not in a pessimistic way, and I have a dirty sense of humor but I know how to keep it clean. I love to cuddle. I can't dance and am picking up ballroom. Poetry is one of my great loves. **gem_girl, 45, ☐ #104432**

GOOD WITH A BAD STREAK
Hey, on for the most part I am a good girl, loving and caring, but from time to time I can get myself into trouble. Even have a cold or morbid sense of humor. I'm looking for some new interesting people to get to know as friends and maybe even more. If you want to take a chance, get in contact. **zelenda, 24, ☐ #104124**

MEN seeking WOMEN

FUN TIMES AWAIT YOU HERE
I'm just an easygoin' guy lookin' for someone to spend time with and have fun. I'm hoping to find someone whom I can laugh with and just relax, whether on the go or at home. I am very laid back. I live by: Worrying is like a rocking chair: it's a good idea but it won't get you anywhere. **steely, 22, ☐ #107487**

SEEKING EGALITARIAN RELATIONSHIP
In my spare time I like to kayak, ski, play tennis, scuba-dive and travel, mostly in Europe, North America and the Caribbean. A sometimes avid reader, I'm fluent in Danish and Swedish. I enjoy the theater, the opera, classical music and the ballet. Before going into law I worked as an electrician and computer engineer. **progressive, 63, ☐ #104404**

LOOKING FOR MY BETTER HALF
I'm an easygoing guy, down-to-earth, into outdoor activities. I'm spontaneous at times, honest, love motorsports, car projects, as long as I stay busy. Looking for someone similar, a chick who's not dramatic. **Jakeandbox, 4?, ☐ #104403**

GENTLE GENTLEMAN AKA BORIS
I am a quiet gentleman who is rediscovering myself. I like to stay in shape and walk, ski and bicycle. In my new life I have gravitated to live music, pubs and any chance to find a partner in hanging out. One-nighters would never work for me. I live for relationships and am a friend to one. **Bosking, 34, #104308**

NUTTY PROFESSOR SEEKS CARLA FROTY
Big heart, big ideas, big laugh and a lot to offer. I am well-rounded with a good sense of humor and enough education to get me in trouble. I have lots of good friends but am looking for that one special friend to spend the rest of my life with. **Sallentknight, 35, ☐ #104382**

ONE LOVE AND ONE HEART
Greetings and love. I'm a Rasta who lives for the Earth and the People. Politics is for the Devil. Live and One Love in your heart. I love playing spey and playin' music. I study a lot, but I'm not an academic. Life is about learning. I need a higher education. I need the One, with love. One Love. **WaterssyRasta, 21, ☐ #104310**

I'M LOVING BEING BACK IN VERMONT
Hey, I am said to be a good-looking guy. Spent last two years in the south and it feels great to be back home with good, real people. I am looking for a nice caring woman with morals, values and a good idea of who she is and what she wants. **Darkamerle, 25, #104308**

WILD, HONEST AND FUNNY
I like to be active. Most important to me is the kind of connection I make with someone when I am dating. I want to spend time with someone who is willing to be open and honest about what they want out of life and a relationship. If I could pick one word to describe myself, it would be genuine. **charlysteve, 34, ☐ #107306**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
OK, it might be shallow, but looks are the first thing I look at (who doesn't?). But if you're not pretty inside as well, then I'll say goodbye. I love brunettes who are in good shape with bigger than average boobs. Always been a boob man. Hey, I'm honest! Looking to have some fun and see where things go. **riobbe23, 40, #104920**

EVERYDAY GUY LOOKING FOR THE ONE
I've been single for two years; I was cheated on and hurt. I would like to meet someone who won't cheat and is willing to talk about problems. I don't do head games or self-centered girls either. As soon as I see any of that, I tend to walk. I am 420-friendly. **stoddere, 26, ☐ #104343**

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING AND FUN
I am an outgoing and fun guy who enjoys many things: skiing, kayaking, hiking, biking and travel, to going out to dinner or making dinner at home. **Catamountvt, 32, #104344**

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
I'm a transplant from Maine who's missing the forests. I like doing little things, snuggling while watching a movie on the couch, walking along the lake, eating a great dinner every once in a while. I'd like someone to show me around. I'm tired of my own town and would like to have someone to spend time with; friends are great. Girlfriends are better. **Crookug, 29, ☐ #104330**

KEEPIN' IT REAL
Recent athletic Montpelier who loves to meet, travel constantly and love to return. Like folks with an open mind, travel and funny, who take the high road on purpose. The right person has yet to surface, but the search continues. What is truly attractive happens in person. The world is my oyster; the pillow is the bane of my creativity. **Friction, 37, ☐ #107366**

SOUTHERN GENT NEW TO VT
I'm not sure what to say but I am looking to meet some new people since I just moved here in October. I am willing to try anything once. **sofbomb, 23, ☐ #107390**

CRAZY, FUNNY, NICE GUY
Just looking for some cool ladies to maybe be friends with and see where it goes from there. I am not by any means desperate. I just want to try to meet someone by some other method than the random bar scene. **stillinlovt, 26, ☐ #104310**

MEN seeking MEN

IDEAL: 30 & MUSCLE WORTH
Hey, 5'6" 172" 160-lb, 3WM with looks, wit, humor, ... champagne taste for youth, muscle and looks. Little humor, dinners, great road trips, talks, movies, competition, art, music and life. I'm living close to Burlington for now, the ski area. Great expectations are cool but short stories we'd too. **Scott971, 31, #107394**

NEK RAINBOW PARTY
NEK guy local. I am to not talent, hello look. **bolaughe, 24, ☐ #104303**

NICE, OUTGOING, FRIENDLY GUY
Hey everyone. I am new to the area; just moved here from Florida. I am looking for cool guys who want to go out on a date or just hang out. I would love to find someone who would like to go out for dinner and a movie. Age does not really matter that much. **wishing_for_fate, hoping_for love, 40, ☐ #104138**

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS AND MORE
I am 40 GWM 5'11", 150 lbs., looking to make some new friends and have some hot fun along the way. **Bobbleo, 40, ☐ #104426**

KIND-HEARTED MAN SEEKING LTR
Do you like to have fun? Are you looking for a friendship that could lead to a long-term relationship? If you are a workaholic from seeking a fun, kind man to get to know and possibly date. If you are seeking a kind-hearted, down-to-earth guy, then give me a shout and let's have some fun. **maverick420, 50, ☐ #107999**

WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE BLUE EYES
Whatever you think about blue eyes, it ain't because. There are lots of dark, scary places behind them. I like theatre, walks, hikes and good conversation. And, oh, I almost forgot sex. **Matthew, 40, ☐ #103062**

READY, HOT DUDE
I am just me. Looking for a cool dude who is not only fun on the town but can also go visit my family. Drop me a line if you want to find out more. **slask, 20, #102308**

WHY BE COLD AS BE YOU???
Let's make this very simple. I'm new to Vermont, from Atlanta. Looking to meet some great people and explore the many adventures these mountains may hide us. I'm a no-frills kind of guy. So if you're up to chatting, let's go. **jammer1202, 34, ☐ #103671**

TRY ME OUT
I have been single for 4 years after a heartbreaking, cheating relationship. All I want is a good, clean, decent guy. I don't lie, cheat or steal and I work very hard. I am down-to-earth with some extravagant limitations. I may be older but not dead and feel I am worth at least dating to see how we fit. **Tfrgd42d, 40, ☐ #104244**

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WOMEN seeking

COMPLETE MY CURIOSITY/FANTASY
Even though this is my first time, I know I could make another woman feel amazing because I know how to please myself. I've only been with men. But thinking of doing things to a woman really turns me on. Only looking for a physical relationship; want someone who can get you/explore with me. No one who is too shy, please. **makemewet2 24 [illegible]**

SEXPOT
I am a woman seeking someone who wants to show me a good time. I love doing spontaneous things. Do you? **goodwink9d 20 ☐ #106347**

INEXPERIENCED BUT EAGER TO LEARN
I'm experienced with men but not women. I've fantasized for years about being with a woman but just never had the chance or opportunity. Now I really want to make my fantasy into a reality. I'd like someone experienced to be my teacher. So if you're interested in being my teacher, let me know. **veryserious, 42, #106628**

SEXY BLOND SEEKS...
I'm looking for a man who knows how to have a good time with no commitment. If you want to know more, email me. **[illegible] 20 ☐ #106680**

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS
I'm looking for a man with confidence who isn't afraid to take control and get wild. I love to be dominated in bed. I am into a lot of different things including threesomes. You must be discreet and drug- and disease-free. Married men are OK, too. **Hotnaughtyanny 42, #106281**

GIRL-GIRL VIRGIN...HELP!
Will consider first girl-girl experience. Want to lose my "virginity". I have the only rock I want, but need a playmate. Want someone different from me in all the right places. Is sexy fun with BC drama. Need a dirty mind, dirty mouth and clean medical record. I'm too young to be satisfied, too old to be reckless. Let's see what's there... **[illegible] 45, ☐ #104498**

A FANTASY OF A LOVER
Recently [illegible] with a man. We are looking for a woman who would help us fulfill a three-way fantasy. Would like to get to know you a bit first. Then we could talk about our casual experience. If you are interested please get in contact. I'm an open book. Thanks. **rudeman 24 ☐ #107990**

PRETTY GAMER GIRL NEEDS COCK!
Recently moved into Burlington area and need play partner. Into pain and submission. Willing to try anything besides hardcore fetish. At home in collar, manacles and corset, a straight Vanilla. Need attractive man, 20 to 45 to relieve my sexual tension. Staying power experience and a willingness to experiment are a plus. Good sense of humor necessary. Are you Game? **Leash 22, ☐ #407006**

NAUGHTY GIRL NEXT DOOR
Never done this before but I got sick of guys. I love giving and secretly taking/receiving. Toys are always fun. I'm down for anything at least once. **shygirl02, 24 #104030**

DEEPLY PASSIONATE
SWF, 40, looking for pleasure, love or lust. Would like to explore some kinky fantasies. A man willing to give me a try to please him. Clean and discreet, please. Possible relationship too. **CA2001 40 ☐ #108002**

NEW LESSONS TO BE LEARNED
Shy, awkward and inexperienced, looking for a teacher of sorts, someone to be patient with me, open me up, help me learn to feel comfortable in my own skin and show me things I might like to know. Would like just an individual experience. No new **justmefocusonnight, 44, ☐ #406029**

CINDERELLA WITH THE DOUBLE D?
You know I'm refusing to give up. I am voluptuous, plus-sized, there's no disguising the fact, so if that's not your type, don't respond and waste my time, okay? I'm looking for a little bit of the wild side with some domination thrown in. [illegible] admittedly I'm somewhat of a nerd in all things. I'd love some help in that department. **[illegible] 32 #106453**

TINY WITH BIG IMAGINATION
Petite female, 31, looking for "forbidden" adventures. **littleadventure 31, #100040**

CALM BEFORE THE STORM
Have you ever wondered if you're doing the right thing, at the right place, at the right time? I'm wondering. I've had many relationships and find that I'm missing something I had once before. If you're wondering or missing **[illegible] 40 #106504**

SECRETLY LOOKING FOR FUN!
I am in a relationship with an amazing guy but I'm looking for some female fun on the side. We can work it in along if you can have me all to yourself. Can you keep a secret? **SexySecret 40 #105482**

DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS
I like to say no... bet you're good enough to make me want to say yes? Can you afford to own me? Dom Daddy, I like it rough. But you'd better be sweet and reward me for all I do for you in this. Then will grow closer. **mama_pajama 40 ☐ #407053**

HELP ME THANK HIM
My guy has been very good to me. Will you help me thank him? Looking for a woman or women to help me make his fantasies become moments of ecstasy. Don't be shy, unless you want to play the role of the naughty school girl. If this ad makes you as wet as me then you're right for this encounter. **[illegible] 45, ☐ #408249**

I NEED SOMETHING NEW
I'm looking to have fun with a hot girl who wants to go down anywhere. I want someone kinky and spontaneous who is just looking for a good time and some dirty [illegible] up for anything. **[illegible] 19 #104019**

MEN seeking

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE EXCITEMENT
I'm up for almost anything and I'm discreet. I'm new to town and I don't know many people yet. **Cowboy_Rising 29 ☐ #106304**

M2M
Looking for some men to meet on a regular basis. Your wishes are my priorities. Let me worship you when you need to be worshipped. Size and age do not matter. I aim to please. **[illegible] 44, #406667**

LOOKING FOR NEW PLEASURES!
I live in Plattsburgh, NY. I can travel to Vermont for meetings. I am open-minded and love new experiences. I enjoy a BBW so size doesn't matter. I love feet and lovely butts. I can be on the submissive side but also can take charge. Would love to experience different fetishes with someone. **looking_for a_fetishNY 44 #406463**

SHY GUY FOR WILD SEX
I tend to be a bit shy at first. Once I get going, though, I'm wild. Looking for someone to share discreet sexual encounters with. I am open to just about anything and just want to share a good time. Must be clean and disease free. **[illegible] 34 #406404**

BTM BURLINGTON HOTEL, THANKSGIVING DAY
Looking to play with a top or two in my hotel room on Thanksgiving day or night. Let's make some plans. **hungrybottom 40 ☐, #104346**

ATTRACTIVE, FIT AND AVAILABLE
I am an attractive, single, fit, fun guy looking for someone to have fun with, no strings attached. **[illegible] 42 #107343**

BIRTHDAY GUY SEEKING...
It's my birthday and I'm looking for some fun. SM seeking slave or private photo shoot for an evening. Must be single, 21-35 yrs old, clean and discreet. Weight and looks don't matter. **JoeFuledo 28 #106660**

FREAKY BUT FUN!
I am looking for a lady who can accept me just the way I am. I have a professional career and have returned to college to study business. My private life consists of cross-dressing and letting a woman use a strap on on me. I like petite, natural. Oral (mutual) is a must, and we'll go from there. Long term possible. **[illegible] 40 ☐ #407264**

AVAILABLE, DIVORCED, CLEAN, FUN, ATTENTIVE
Divorced handsome, professional WM seeks a woman between 40 and 55 for NSA affair. I'm drug and disease-free, respectful and discreet, and expect same. A little overweight is OK. Would like friends as well as lovers. I fantasize about a woman bold enough to call me and say, "I'm horny, come over right away." Thanks for writing. **[illegible] 53 #404204**

PASSIONATE LOVER
Tall, dark, passionate man in great shape looking to find that special female friend for some polyamorous delights. You've fantasized about being sexually adventurous with a woman and more than one man. I'm a slender to athletic build with all the right curves and ready to indulge your fantasies. A professional, sensuous, imaginative, playful non-smoker. Did I mention HOT? **[illegible] 42 #406266**

THE DAMSEL IN DISTRESS
Is the sharp pendulum blade of loneliness swinging over you? Can't break free from the hurt [illegible]? Afraid you'll lose your head without a soulmate. I'm searching for a single female with twinkling eyes who's not afraid to discuss magical mutual fantasies for LTR. This Galahad may be the underdog hero needed to save you from oncoming peril. **KnightTemplar 51, ☐ #104078**

MARRIED GUY LOOKING FOR SAME
Married guy looking to have discreet fun with other married guys. Ideally guys aged 40-60 years old. **[illegible] 80 #104480**

SEXPOT
I like flirting, chess. I'm looking for NSA with women 45-55 years old for good times and having fun. **sexy 47 #404554**

NEED NOW
Need a BBW for discreet mutual play. You will not be disappointed. You cannot be too large for me. **holtdevl, 54 #407142**

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WILD...LOOKING FOR SOME LOVE!
I'm happy, I'm fed but a challenge [illegible] some extra fun. **[illegible] 47 #104444**

DUDES, LET'S PLAY!
Looking for fun masculine guys for good times. Let's play in the Northeast Kingdom. **vtdudes, 35 #406610**

SEXUALLY DRIVEN
Just looking for sex. I aim to please. I don't care who you are or what you look like. I get off by getting my partner off. [illegible] Sex is sex. A pleasure from the pleasure I give. **[illegible] 44 #407409**

BALD ADONIS SEEKING
[illegible] in Burlington again. I have full-time with music, but I love to meet people in photography, play, even coffee. **[illegible] 40 ☐ #406474**

NEED MORE!
Involved with workaholic. Need outlet. Please help. Sexually knowledgeable and willing to learn. **[illegible] 34, #405090**

HOT MAN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING
I am a very fit, good looking, single, white male looking for anything unique, fun, creative and kinky. I have been with a guy before and enjoy the thought of being with a bisexual couple. I am easy-going, easy to get along with and nonthreatening. I'll send you some pictures if you are interested. **[illegible] 34 ☐ #406353**

LOOKING FOR FUN
I like to have fun, get wild and party. I'm looking for someone who knows how to get down and dirty. **[illegible] 33 ☐ #407044**

EXPAND MY LIMITS AND HORIZONS
44 professional, GWM [illegible] work out. Looking for another good-looking, well educated guy who is not afraid to push my limits and expand my horizons in a discreet, fun setting. I'm mostly bottom and love to try new things with a strong top man. **bodysurfer 44 ☐ #406480**

CHOOSER
I love to have fun and play sports, especially golf. I would love to show a fine young lady how to [illegible] my shaft. **[illegible] 22, ☐ #407033**

LOVEABLE, CUDDLY, WARM TEDDYBEAR
Outdoor lover. Spend lots of time in the great outdoors. Find peace in nature and all that is natural. Enjoy learning and experiencing new things. Fun! And love the many lakes of Vermont. **[illegible] 50 ☐ #406344**

FREE AT LAST
Recently divorced, looking to get back in the saddle with the right gal or gals. Not ready for commitment again. I just want to play and have lots of great, wild sex. **freshmeat, 32, #404020**

CASUAL, NO STRINGS, GOOD FUN
I'm a nondrinking guy looking for some casual sex. Everyone has needs; I'm just looking to fulfill them. I might be a little shy at first but I warm up fast. Looking for women who want to have some fun, I'm open to new things. **Lionfan, 44 #404044**

THIGH HIGH BOOT-LOVER SEX
If you're into boots, leather and latex, then I'm the guy for you. Nothing makes me drool more than a well dressed woman. If you know what I mean. And finding the right person to share this with is truly the hardest thing. So, are you the one? Please let me know and you won't be sorry. **[illegible] 47 #407056**

OTHERS seeking

LAVISHLY EROTIC MYSTERIOUS DUO
Alluring couple seeks naughty playmate. Fit, male and amazing, bi-curious female are seeking an irresistible female muse to fulfill erotic fantasies. Playful, attractive and intelligent are what a [illegible] with interest in enjoying the pleasure of both parties. Focus on me (and you). However, a clear desire to mutually please him. So are you up to exploring this tantalizing trinity? **[illegible] duo 28, #404800**

NORMAL, SANE AND INSATIABLE
We're a clean, professional, height/weight proportional married couple who are normal in every way until we get behind closed doors. She's insatiable and bi. He's straight and trying to keep up. We could use the help of clean professional women and couples to fulfill all our fantasies and desires. Come play with us. We're fun, funny and great people. **[illegible] 43 #407335**

COUPLE SEEKING THIRD
Late 20s attractive, professional, clean man-woman couple seeking woman for SECRET sexual encounter. He's done it before; she hasn't but is willing to try. If you are a woman between the ages of 20 and 35, attractive, disease-free and looking for a satisfying sexual encounter, please reply. **[illegible] 28 ☐ #406280**

HOT AND HORNY COUPLE
We're looking for a discreet encounter with another couple or single female or male. Don't want anything serious, just some play or night fun. **[illegible] 44 #404220**

LOOKING FOR A HOT WOMAN
Hi! I am looking for a hot woman to play with me and my man. Must be attractive and clean. We practice safe sex and lots of play! Come and play with us. We love to do all kinds of things. It's your call. We are up for suggestions. Just let us know. Please send a pic. **[illegible] 38, #404104**

CURIOUS BUT ADVENTUROUS COUPLE
We're an easygoing couple looking to explore the swinging scene. We want to start slow but who knows where it might end up. She is 22, [illegible] he is 24, both average build. We'd like to share some sexy emails and possibly phone chats until a [illegible]. We're looking for females or couples, and no single men. **2Hunters 22, ☐ #404444**

GOOD HOT FUN!
My friend and I are looking for a woman or couple to meet. We are not looking for anything serious. Just someone who loves sex as much as we do. We are looking for hot, sweaty and sometimes kinky encounters. Would love to meet the right someone for drinks to see how creative we can be. **[illegible] 47 #406034**

SWEET SUBMISSIVE SEEKING DOMINANT PERSONALITY
[illegible] and kinky. I'm a college kid about to graduate and enter the real world. I'm looking for somebody on the masculine spectrum who is willing to be a patient [illegible]. Someone who can balance sex with trust and affection. I like all sorts of kinks, and with the right Dom I'm willing to try anything. **[illegible] 21, #107060**

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Dear Mistress Maeve,

My boyfriend and I have a great relationship, and I think our sex life is good. We have sex two to three times a week, but I also know he masturbates on days we don't have sex.

I've tried to get him to masturbate in front of me, encouraging him by saying I would also "touch myself." He's never flat-out refused, but we've never done it. How can I get both of us masturbating together?

Signed,

Third Toucher

Dear T.T.,

It's healthy for your boyfriend to masturbate independently of you. Contrary to what you may think, you don't need to be present every time he spills his seed.

People have a tendency to view self-pleasure as a substitute for the "real thing" — and surely, sometimes it is. However, in my world, masturbation is an integral part of an overall healthy sex life. If you're still being intimate on a regular basis, I wouldn't worry about his solo missions. In fact, you might consider more often going to the dance unchaperoned, too — if you know what I'm saying.

That said, mutual masturbation can be fun, and I encourage you to try it. The next time the two of you are feeling amorous, reach down and start touching yourself. (I don't think many guys will balk at this move.) After he's sufficiently turned on by your solo administrations, take his hands and place them on his wood. He should get the hint, but if not — be ready to whisper something naughty to him about wanting to watch him perform.

If he's shy, you may be doing most of the performing, but have fun with it. Put on a good one-woman show, and you two will be performing as a duet in no time.

One-handed wonder,

MM

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PERSONALS I SPY...

FRIDAY AT TGI FRIDAY'S
I saw you and your beautiful baby daughter at Friday's on Friday evening. You were tall and very handsome. My girlfriend and I were sitting at the bar having a drink. We talked a little about your daughter. She's a "little magnet" just like her father! I'd like to know if you are single. Maybe we could meet at Friday's again sometime? **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: TGI Friday's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902777**

BIKE GUY
Funny, you walked into my work as I was writing this about you. You we're at [illegible] and your name tag reads "Chris." I bet you are pretty smart, highly motivated and best of all, single. We always have many a funny conversation and I think you have a great smile. Maybe we'll hang out soon. **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: Montpelier. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907772**

AARON AT MOGEY'S
We made eye contact when I walked in. You had a blue shirt and a hat on. I was wearing a blue jacket with black pants. I was hanging out with a friend from out of town. Wish we got more time to talk. Let's grab a drink. **When: Thursday, November 15, 2007. Where: McGee's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902771**

LIBRARY LOVER
I spied you from behind the circ. desk, over a government-issue [illegible]. Fairy Tale Fan, you're due back in four weeks. How I wish I were two books again and maybe I'll check you out once more. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Kellogg-Hubbard Library. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907770**

AFTER THE SAMPLES
You complimented me on my smile. I've been enchanted ever since. Meet me for coffee? **When: Saturday, November 17, 2007. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902769**

GIVE ME SOME MORE CANDY
You were at the place where I worked. I haven't worked there for a while because of some reason. I came back to work and I see you every time there. You gave me some sweets and I love it. Thank you. **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: place where I work. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907768**

SOMEONE OUT THERE
Hi there. I saw you this afternoon, Nov. 17. I never thought you'd be in this site also. I'm surprised. It's nice to meet you here. Hope we can be good friends. You seem nice. **When: Saturday, November 17, 2007. Where: Northfield. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907767**

TPC BURLINGTON
I spy a cute UVM who is always bringing a smile to my face. Miranda, I wish I could see you more than two nights a week. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #907777**

BEN AT DOG, WEDNESDAY, NOV 14
I smelled like coconut, you smelled like pheromones. You pulled my long, brown, curly hair (just a little). I was being shy, but when we finally did dance it made me feel high. Then you disappeared on me without saying goodbye. You are adorable. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Higher Ground. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902766**

I'VE MET YOU BEFORE
Lunch on Wednesday at Burlington Bagel Bakery. You, blond, eating by yourself. Me: same eye color, with nice woman friend. We made eye contact and I know I'd met you before. Hollow Valley wedding this summer. I talk easily and wish I had met you for that drink by again. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Burlington Bagel Bakery. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902764**

I'LL SPY YOU ANY TIME
Happy now. You've been spied. I'm so glad I met you. I really appreciate all you do for me and my pup. I don't think it'll ever get to the point where you're no fun anymore. Spoose. **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: your house. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907763**

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME @ HERITAGE
I gave you a friendly shove before introducing myself as the girl who can't read the pressures. Caught an extra one of those brilliant smiles through the rearview window as I was pulling out. I can't believe that I am I Spying... but what the heck I'm not sure what I am doing. **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: Heritage Auto. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902767**

ELM STREET
Groovin' with headlamps on a Thursday night around 10 p.m. Would love to join you just for the fun. **When: Friday, November 16, 2007. Where: Elm Street. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907771**

80 WAYS DUDE
I remember so many things with you. Together, five times in one night. Mansfield, Washington; the beach; the chair; LOL night (that was fun); my birthday last year; Lafayette. I wish it could of been real. Oh, well, it was just a fantasy. Happy birthday, Moto Man, you're so fun. **When: Friday, August 17, 2007. Where: McKillicutty's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907758**

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM NZ
Heather, you came in looking for boots for your trip to New Zealand a week or two ago. My boy Freddy tells me you came back by today when I wasn't there (darn). I hope you'll come back in "shop," some more when you get back from your trip. Next time leave your phone number. **When: Thursday, November 15, 2007. Where: Eastern Mountain Sports. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #907770**

THANK YOU SEVEN DAYS!!!
I spy a violin player who has become my best friend, partner in life and lover. We met through Seven Days almost a year ago, and life has been AWESOME ever since. I am now a believer of finding love in the personals ads. **When: Thursday, January 1, 2007. Where: Mary's in Bristol. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907757**

AH HA!
Someone I work with who keeps looking for himself here. Well, you've been spied, Reg-Gay. **When: Thursday, November 15, 2007. Where: Maple Tree Place, Williston. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902758**

SUBWAY ITTY!!!
Three gentlemen eh halfway on Route 7 in Williston. You guys were picking on each other and included me in your conversation. I have to leave too, so thanks for allowing me in. I did not notice rings! Anyone interested in more conversation? **When: Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Where: Subway, Rt. 2, Williston. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907777**

LADY IN RED
You walked in and headed to the bar. Took off your coat. You were wearing a red shirt and scarf. I thought we made eye contact? I have seen you before at Higher Ground. Are you single? Same place, same time? **When: Friday, November 9, 2007. Where: 3 Needs. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #907755**

PEOPLE AT GATE 9
Such a happy reunion gave me faith that, yes, there is still love in the world. Thanks for reminding me what it's all about. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: Burlington Airport. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907723**

WHERE'S WILDCAT RABE?
Visiting Vermont for the 3rd time late this month and Wildcat Babe seemed like she would be fun to have a beer or dinner with, to only to get out of the remodelling of the house for an evening. New Wildcat Rebate profile is hidden and can't ask if she'd be interested in that. [illegible] **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: Two Things. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902752**

HUNH, WHAT HAPPENED?
I thought things were going great. We had a mixed up weekend and I ended up leaving pretty early. I your own. The only thing I was crazy for is you. Wish I could take back time. -C. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Rita Aid. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907735**

MISS MOKIE
I spy Miss Mokie in her apartment, so long ago. I spy Miss Mokie driving to work at [illegible] not so long ago. I have to spy Miss Mokie again soon, or I'll just explode. Yup, they're we fly, for the cup to moyeth over. I love you sincerely. Give me another chance to spy/woo you. You won't be disappointed. **When: Friday, July 27, 2007. Where: deep in my heart. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902750**

SHRUBS ARE PEOPLE TOO
You're the most beautiful girl in the world to me. You have made my life wonderful and exciting. I can't wait till the next time I see you. Have fun and be happy. I love you. Shrub. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: when I woke. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902749**

ALPHACORE ... TAG YOU'RE IT!
You sent me an email, and I thought I sent you one back but it turns out it's got a lot from bamboozled technology. I'd love to talk with you some more. Many happy returns, Frankie. **When: Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Where: Two Things. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #907748**

KINKY'S RETURN
I am sorry that your attempted escape from the mess didn't work out ... but I'm glad you are back. I know you are not working this Friday, but I would be happy to buy you some bisque (or whatever you want). Help if you would tell me more about your adventures, ... and you. **When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Where: Pinky's in Montpelier. You: Woman. Me: Man. #907747**

ON THE FARM
You were wearing matching blue uniforms. Blonde female. Hidden under a hat. Talked about heifers, were helping your stock. Wish I said something more. Meet for coffee. **When: Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Where: Addison County. You: Man. Me: Woman. #907746**

SUNDAY NIGHT CLASS
Hot and steamy as usual. I liked your glasses and nearly hot. You and I were getting a lot of personal attention. What three Instructors do we share. **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Pine Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902745**

RED CHEVY
I see you in my travels, in my dreams. I've seen you for 15 years now. We may long to be together as true soulmates but our timing is never good enough. I miss what could and should be. Know that you are in my heart and soul always and forever. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: my State. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902744**

URBAN GIRL
You looked great the other day. Get a cup of coffee before you move to Maryland and take over the fashion world? **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: Urban Outfitters. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902743**

NO EXCUSE
I spy you, Sarah, drunkenly punching a much-loved baby for no reason at Esox's after the Gove show. You knew what karma is. **When: Tuesday, November 7, 2007. Where: Esox's. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902740**

SEDUCTIVE ENCHANTRESS @ METRONOME
We danced together Saturday night at Metronome where you mesmerized me. You told me to meet you there again on one of the evenings. Alas, nights. Unfortunately have family things over this weekend. But hope to see you out again on the 24th. I simply can't contain the desire I have to dance with you again. Stay sweet. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: Metronome. You: Woman. Me: Man. #907737**

BARNES & NOBLE BARISTA
I spy a cute, blonde barista with a multicolored metal necklace having a frazzling morning. Hope your day got better. Would love to pamper you soon. Then you deserve it, for a change. **When: Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Where: Barnes & Noble Starbucks. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902736**

LET'S DO THE TIME WARP AGAIN!
Now that I have your attention ... you say you read these all the time? Let's find out. I can't figure you out, but perhaps that's what I like about you. You have amazing lips that I would love to kiss again. Me: waiting for you to come that 10th. Still not sure it's you. You listen to ABBA while cleaning. **When: Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #907733**

PASSING EACH OTHER
We pass each other two, sometimes three times a week. We say hello and keep walking. I need you to know I love you. **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: Colchester Ave. sidewalk. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902733**

I SPY A WANDERING KITTEN
I spy a black and white kitten that has been missing from Greene Street for many weeks. He has white paws, a white bib and a black spot on his nose. He was not wearing a collar when he escaped from my house. If you've seen him or perhaps adopted him thinking he was lost, please let me know. **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902717**

I SAW A [illegible]
I love you more and more every day. You're everything to me. Thank you for making every day better than the last! Please be with me forever. I promise to make you as happy as you make me. When I'm away all I can think of is your smiling GREEN eyes. I miss you Shushi! Love to love you. **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: sitting next to me. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902711**

SHELBURNE ENT
You were wearing a green Sox hat and were adorable. Your smile brightened my day and I want to see it again. You can give me mouth-to-mouth anytime. Coffee? **When: Friday, November 9, 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902710**

STREET VENDOR
I see you selling in front of the corporate [illegible]. You sold me my sister's birthday present, you told me about your "Tool" plasma TV and how you have to take it easy when you trip a fence. Keep warm. Have fun with your camera. See you soon to enjoy it. **When: Thursday, October 18, 2007. Where: Church Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902770**

BEAUTIFUL CARLIE
Hey, guess what? You are so damn cool! Let's drool some and eat popcorn with Emeril's yeast together next to a miniature bonfire real soon. I still love. Your Secret Admirer. **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: In my dreams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902728**

NECK PIERCING AT 2:11 A.M.
You looked really hot. Me, behind you in all [illegible]. I thought the piercing was cool and you said I was the first to say that. Coffee? Tea? Anything to get your name? I'll drop you a line so we can share some coffee. **When: Monday, November 12, 2007. Where: Cumberland Farms in Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902777**

HELLO AND GOOD MORNING DOG
I want to thank you for saving my life not once but twice. I am in love with you, here, now and one day at a time to eternity. ALWAYS WAITH LUV, Sexy G. **When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902771**

UNCOMMON BARISTA
I spy a cute girl at Uncommon Grounds. Dresses, short skirts and great smile — you [illegible]. I'd love to see all your tattoos. **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: downtown. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902725**

SERENA AND 200 RIVER
Jen were trying to get your friend to her boat. Saw you with your two boys and spoke to you about driving the closed road. Didn't get a chance to ask you for your phone number. I'd like to see you again. I was with my dog and two other dogs. Love your smile. **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Smuggs Notch. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902724**

WE WERE PRETTY HOT TOGETHER
Starting with our first kiss at the laundry mat! The 16 times you have marked in your day planner will always bring a smile to my face, especially the two marked with an "A." Now that I have my head straight and my life back, it's time for me to move on as well. Thanks for a great time. **When: Friday, June 1, 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902723**

MONTPELIER SYNDROME?
Wonder if you still read these things. So I, I spy you. Today. Why? 'Cause I promised myself not to call you again. Maybe this will get your attention. Then again, who knows? **When: Friday, August 17, 2007. Where: In my dreams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902777**

PERRY'S GAS STATION, MONTPELIER
B, I enjoy chatting with you whenever I stop in. We are similar in age and situation. Was wondering if we could get together sometime but haven't had the nerve to ask. If you're available and interested, give me a sign the next time you see me. I think you'll know who I am. If you can recognize my car. **When: Monday, November 5, 2007. Where: Perry's gas station, Montpelier. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902771**

ONE NIGHT IN BARRE
You seduced me with wilderness, wine, lamb and quinoa. I returned the favor with [illegible], strong drinks and [illegible]. May it be the first of many chilly nights spent cuddled up together. **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Barre. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902770**

CUTE CR GIRL AT CRUTCH
You caught my eye on the way in, but I didn't see you again until I was putting on my coat to leave. I was too tipsy and shy to say that I think you're lovely and cute. Coffee sometime? You: selling the bands merchandise. Me: long blond hair, black sweater and tan pants. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: Nectar's. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902718**

I NEVER FORGOT ABOUT YOU
Your secret message said you wanted to spend the rest of your life with me, but we went our separate ways. I want to let you know that I never forgot about you. I would really like to talk to you. After all these years I am free (but I don't know if you are). Please call me. Honey Bunny. **When: Sunday, December 11, 2007. Where: high school. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902717**

WORKED AT SHAW'S IN BERLIN
I used to see you working at Shaw's in Berlin but haven't seen you in a long time. It seemed like you would make a point to come over and bag my groceries. I thought there might be mutual attraction. I wasn't available at the time but am now. Would like to meet you. **When: Thursday, January 11, 2007. Where: Shaw's, Berlin Corners, VT. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902711**

LITTLE NOODLE..
I spy a sexy new woman in my life. We've only been hanging out a few months but I hope there are many more. I look forward to seeing you as you brighten my day with your sarcastic way and silly smiles. Just give me the chance to be the wonderful man you deserve in your life and I don't wanna mess "nuzzle." **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Dream in Richmond. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902711**

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
I spy a cute, sweet bottle-crusher with a gun fast for rolling double dams. Hmm, who fun and games again! You get the fish. I'll make the dish. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: your kitchen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902714**

TO DAVE AND LITTLE "OZZIE"
My dogs and I see you walking all the time. The love that you and your little mini-pin have for each other is truly unique. I've never had the nerve to approach you. Everyone around Colchester seems to know you except me. I'm a tall, slim blond woman walking two German Shepherds. Please say hi. I'm too shy to approach first. **When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: all over Mallets Bay. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902715**

CUTE COUNTER GIRL AT SKINNY PANCAKE
Tall, redheaded guy with beard writing for the black-haired, blue-eyed cutie behind the counter at The Skinny Pancake. Kept trying to make contact with you to give you my order but the other girl working with you kept interrupting us. How cute. Single? Maybe we can share some Chunky Monkey sometime when you get off work. Don't worry, I don't bite much. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: The Skinny Pancake. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902712**

BOSTON SPORTS FAN
Friday, at your administration [illegible] Youth Program. I was discouraged after what was needed for my Saturn to pass inspection. You were delighted that your old [illegible] was loose all day. We passed the time talking and you made my day a little brighter. Coffee and conversation outside the garage sometime? **When: Monday, November 5, 2007. Where: Greensboro Garage. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902711**

SKYWALKERS ON THE BUS
It looked like you had just stepped out of the portal from some other enlightened dimension and onto the CCTA line through Winooski. You caught my eye immediately. We exchanged an [illegible] over the girl when she said to the passenger sitting next to her, "I don't like." It was too funny. Hoping to ride again with you in the future. **When: Thursday, November 1, 2007. Where: behind the bus driver. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902710**

HOT BLONDE GUY AT NECTAR'S
WOW you are handsome. Kept looking over at you while playing pool with friends. You walked by me and smelled great. I heard you telling your friend that your girlfriend dumped you. I'll pick up where she left off. I was the cute one with dark hair. Would love to feel you [illegible]. **When: Thursday, November 1, 2007. Where: Nectar's. You: Man. Me: Man. #902708**

IT STANDS IN MY TOES
and now I can't walk to see where it goes. Our future is so bright, thank you for finding me. I finally have my Mr. Wonderful. Yeah you know who you are. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: In my kitchen. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902703**

HUNGER MTN FOOD CO-OP
Sexy sweetness working in the kitchen. Hot dark hair, ponytails. I see you every Friday and really wanna go out with you. **When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Hunger Mtn. Co-op kitchen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902702**

SUNDAY, OCT. 21 AT STOWE
Spied season-pass office Sunday Oct. 21 around 1 p.m. You: tall, brown hair, beautiful Jeep Liberty. Picking up your season pass with a friend. Me: tall, short brown hair, blue shirt. I caught a smile from you later in the parking lot. Let's share our secret powder stashes over coffee sometime? **When: Sunday, October 21, 2007. Where: Stowe Mountain Resort. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902701**

BLUE LADDLE BIRTHDAY BABE
Mandy is dandy, especially [illegible]. She's nifty at fifty. You rock! **When: Thursday, November 15, 2007. Where: Blue Laddle. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902704**

CONSIDER YOURSELF SPIED
Happy new [illegible] my little HR/Payroll Goddess. You've been spied (Christmas game only). Wait until next month when I send you my timesheet with a Christmas theme. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: work. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902705**

O-BABY DOUGH BOY
You're the most amazing person I know! I am going to make sure you have an amazing 25th birthday. I love you soon much. Purty. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: everywhere. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902707**

FUTURE INMATE OF AMERICA
To the morally depraved sociopath behind the theft of our goods from S. Williams St., let it be known karma WILL come around when you least expect it. Turn those items in you greedy pig. There's still time for you. **When: Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Where: South Williams Street. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902701**

DEADHEAD AT RATDOG
Hey, you, my Lost Sailor. Bobby and I love you. Love is like a rose. It only grows when it is on the vine. This is where the magic is. I believe in us. Let's get real. **When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: RatDog, Memorial Auditorium. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902700**

EMS
I saw you the other night. We talked about the cold coming, Camelbaks and ski straps. I wanted to ask if you'd like to go out for a glass of wine, cup of coffee, somewhere to talk. But I didn't. Maybe if we run into one another again. I hope we get a chance. Maybe you noticed. I hope you did. **When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Where: EMS. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902699**

LAST SPOTTED AT MOE'S, NOV 1
Attractive male with long brown hair pulled back into a ponytail, sporting a gold earring and flat clothing, was spotted around 6:30 p.m. You captured my attention and I was hoping I could get the name. You were with three younger men. I was the one sitting across from you two tables down, waiting. I was two tables up. **When: Tuesday, November 1, 2007. Where: Moe's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902698**

CAREBEAR
You were Grumpy Bear, I was Funshine. You gave me hugs when you walked in and posed for pictures for my girlfriend. We left when you went to sign up to sing. Wish we hadn't. **When: Saturday, October 27, 2007. Where: JP's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902697**

SHOULD YOU NEED US...
Missing your beautiful smile already. You made me happier than you'll ever know. Thanks for the scones and jokes. Hope you tell him how you feel. **When: Monday, October 29, 2007. Where: around. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902681**

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classes

acting

ACTING CLASS: Begins Thursday, January 10, 8-week session, one evening per week. Info: Tom Carder, 802-888-4981, carder-tom@hotmail.com. *Tom Carder, veteran Broadway actor with 30 years' professional experience. The techniques of Stanislavski, Vaghtangov, Stella Adler and Lee Strasberg will be applied to achieve believability, truthfulness and honesty in acting.*

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bodywork

BODYMAPS & CRANIOSACRAL INTRO: Jan. 21-24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $1,117/4-day module. Location: Wilding Studio, 821 [illegible] Lane, Huntington, VT. Info: Wilding Studio, Liz and Bob Wilding, 802-434-3654, lizwilding@msn.com. *Biodynamic CranioSacral therapy is subtle, gentle and on the cutting edge of energy medicine. Four-day course introduces the relationship between practitioner and primary respiration, fulcrums for grounding, early embryology and energy mid-lines. Intro is prerequisite for two-year training that starts in April 2008. Certified teacher: Jan Pemberton, RPP, RCST.*

INTRODUCTION TO REFLEXOLOGY: Jan. 26-27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $200/16 continuing education credit hours. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 205 Dorset St., South Burlington. Info: 802-658-7715, www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *No prior bodywork experience is necessary. Areas covered: basic history behind reflexology, different theories of how reflexology works and the benefits and contraindications of reflexology, a first reflexology sequence, thumb and finger walking reflexology techniques, the cognitive and practical understanding of the Zones, Guidelines and Reflexes of the feet.*

computers

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS: Dec. 8. Cost: $3/suggested donation per workshop. Location: Fletcher Free Library, 235 College Street, Burlington. Info: Fletcher Free Library, 802-865-7217, www.fletcherfree.org. *The Fletcher Free Library offers Computer Workshops designed for beginning and intermediate users. Intro to Windows, Intro to Microsoft Word, Intermediate Microsoft Word, Internet Exploration, Excel, Email: Known with Yahoo! Mail, Intermediate Internet, and Protect Your Computer (virus protection). Pre-registration is required.*

craft

RUG HOOKING: TRADITIONAL/PUNCH: 2.5 hour classes can be arranged to fit your schedule: days or evenings. Cost: $25/2.5-hour class. Location: Violet Jane Studio, 25 Maple Ridge Rd., Underhill. Info: Sara Bergkoff, 802-660-3819, sarajane0714@yahoo.com, www.violetjane.com. *Learn to hook a rug using either a punch needle and yarn or a rug hook and strips of cut fabric. You can work on a small project which will teach you all the skills needed to make a large rug. Wool dye (yarn or fabric) classes also offered.*

creativity

FIVE WAYS TO UNLEASH CREATIVITY: Dec. 8, [illegible]. Cost: Free. Location: Champlain College, LD Ireland Family Center for Global Business and Technology, Burlington. Info: Forward Leap Consulting, Innovation Training that Sticks, 802-328-8324, leslie@forwardleapconsulting.com, forwardleapconsulting.com. *In this free, interactive workshop, you'll learn the difference between innovation and creativity, easy-to-implement ideas for igniting creativity within your organization, and teamwork skills vital for collaborative innovation. Participants will also discuss and generate solutions to innovation issues in their workplaces. Dinner provided. Please RSVP by Dec. 5.*

dance

AFRO CARIBBEAN DANCE: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, Montpelier; Fridays, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Burlington. Cost: $11/class. Location: Capital City Grange, Montpelier; Memorial Auditorium Loft, Burlington. Info: Carla Kevorkian, 802-985-3665. *Dance to the rhythm of Cuban and Haitian music. Live drumming led by Stuart Paton. Monthly master classes with visiting instructors. Beginners welcome.*

BALLROOM DANCING: Cost: $50/person for 4-week session. Location: The Champlain Club, Burlington; Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne; Swanton Central School Cafeteria, Swanton. Burlington, Shelburne, Swanton. Info: First Step Dance, 802-598-6757, kevin@firststepdance.com, www.firststepdance.com. *Mondays and Thursdays in Burlington, Tuesdays in Shelburne, Wednesdays in Swanton. Beginning, intermediate and experienced classes available. Various styles, various times. Come alone, or come with friends, but come out and learn to dance.*

DANCE STUDIO SALSALINA: Cost: $12. Location: 266 Pine St., Burlington. Info: Victoria, 802-598-1077, info@salsalina.com. *Salsa classes, Nightclub-style, 1-on-1, group and private, four levels. Wednesdays beginner walk-in class at 6 p.m. Argentinean Tango class and social, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., walk-ins welcome. No dance experience, partner or pre-registration required, just the desire to have fun! Drop in at any time and prepare for an enjoyable workout.*

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design/build

ARCHITECTURAL CRAFT CLASSES: $375/2-day classes. Scholarships are available. Location: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, 189 VT Rt. 100, Warren, just 45 minutes from Burlington. Info: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, 802-496-5545, designbuild@yestermorrow.org, www.yestermorrow.org. *Treehouse Design, Dec. 1-2. Mosaics, Dec. 5-6. Mathematics for Builders, Dec. 7. [illegible], Dec. 8-9. Drafting 101, Jan. 12-13. Modern Plaster Techniques, Jan. 19-20. Kitchen Design, Jan. 20-25, $750. Celebrating our 27th year! All Yestermorrow courses are small, intensive and hands-on. One- and 2-week classes also offered. www.yestermorrow.org.*

drumming

BURLINGTON TAIKO CLASSES: $53/Adult. Beginner Class. Location: Taiko Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Taiko, 802-658-0658, classes@burlingtontaiko.org, www.burlingtontaiko.com. *Fall II Session: Kids (Beginners) Tuesdays, 4:30-5:20 p.m. $47. Adults (Beginners) Tuesdays, 5:30-6:20 p.m. $53. 5-week session begins Oct. 23. Gift certificates are available.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: Begins 10/25. Kids (Beginners) Thursdays, 6-6:50 p.m. $53. Adults (Beginners) Thursdays, 7-7:50 p.m. Cost: $58/Adults. Location: Richmond Free Library, Richmond. Info: 802-438-2028, classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *All classes are held in the Community Meeting Room at the Richmond Free Library. There is a 10-person minimum for each class.*

herbs

WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Winter Wisdom Weekends: January 12-13, January 26-27 and February 9-10, 2008; attend one, two or three weekends. Cost: $185/first weekend, $150 each weekend after the first. Location: All programs held at our new location in South Woodbury, Vermont. Info: Annie McCleary, Director, 802-456-8122, annie@wisdomoftheherbsschool.com, www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *Currently accepting applications for Wisdom of the Herbs 2008 Eight Month Certification Program: one weekend a month, April to November 2008. Grants available to qualifying applicants. Please contact us for information. MasterCard and VISA accepted.*

language

FRENCH THROUGH ARTS: Cost: $30/hour. Location: Cozy Studio or your home, Stowe. Info: Carole, 802-253-4171. *Conversation, art, cards, food, music, culture, travel. [illegible] Cahier Français [illegible] and pop-ups. Private tutor or classes.*

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?: At your home or scheduled meeting place. Mad River Valley, Stowe, Montpelier. Info: 802-496-8885. *Conversation and vocabulary enrichment, some grammar review. Fun and useful. Taught by Mrs. Compere, French native.*

martial arts

AIKIDO OF CHAMPLAIN VALLEY: Introductory classes begin Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. Adult classes meet Monday-Friday, 5:30-6:30 and 6:35-8 p.m.; Wednesdays 12-1 p.m.; Saturdays 10:00-11:45 a.m.; and Sundays 10-11 a.m. Children's classes, ages 7-12, meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido (the traditional art of sword drawing): Tuesdays, 8-9 p.m., and Saturdays, 12-1:30 p.m. Zazen (seated Zen meditation): Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cost: $65/unlimited classes. Location: Aikido of Champlain Valley, 257 Pine Street, Burlington. Info: 802-951-8900, aikidovt.org. *This traditional Japanese martial art emphasizes circular flowing movements and pinning and throwing techniques. Visitors are always welcome. Gift certificates are available. We now have a children's play space. Classes are taught by Benjamin Pincus Sensei, 5th degree black belt and Vermont's only fully certified (shidoin) Aikido instructor.*

MARTIAL WAY SELF DEFENSE CTR: Introductory Class. Location: One minute off I-89 at Exit 17, Colchester. Info: 802-893-8893. *Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Kempo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Arnis and Wing Chun Kung Fu.*

VERMONT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Location: Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 55 Leroy Road, Williston. Info: 802-660-4072, www.bjjusa.com. *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a complete martial-arts system based on leverage (provides a greater advantage and effect on a much larger opponent) and technique (fundamentals of dominant body position to use the technique to overcome size and strength). Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu enhances balance, flexibility, strength, cardio-respiratory fitness and builds personal courage and self confidence. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Self-Defense classes (all levels). Boxing and MMA programs available. Brazilian Head Instructor with over 30 years of experience (5-Time Brazilian Champion, Rio de Janeiro), certified under Carlson Gracie. Positive and safe environment. Effective and easy-to-learn techniques that could save your life. Accept no imitations.*

meditation

LEARN TO MEDITATE: Meditation instruction available on Sunday mornings or by appointment. The Shambhala Cafe meets the first Saturday of each month for meditation and discussion, 9-11:30 a.m. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, Burlington. Info: 802-658-6795, www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *Through the practice of sitting still and following your breath as it goes out and dissolves, you are connecting with your heart. By simply letting yourself be, as you are, you develop genuine sympathy toward yourself. The Burlington Shambhala Center offers meditation as a path to discovering gentleness and wisdom.*

music

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pilates

123 PILATES STUDIO: Location: 123 Pilates Studio, 89 Hegeman Drive (Hwy 127 near Burlington's New North End), Colchester. Info: 123 Pilates Studio, Lucille Dyer, 802-863-3369, lucille@123pilates.com, 123pilates.com. *Pilates students progress through Levels 1, 2 and 3 in small group classes and private sessions. Try Kripalu Yoga with Molly Houser, our Ballet Barre, and Fundamentals of Movement. Feel good about what you do for your body, mind and inner self. Lucille Dyer is a certified Peak Pilates instructor and Bartenieff Fundamentals Practitioner with 20 years of teaching, choreography and performance.*

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reiki

REIKI CLASSES Reiki level one: Sat., Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Reiki level two: Sat., Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $175/level one, $185 level two. Location: Rising Sun Healing Center, 35 King St., Burlington. Info: Chris Hanna, MSW, Reiki Teacher, 802-878-1701, chris@risingsunhealing.com, www.risingsunhealing.com. Learn this powerful hands-on healing art. Member Vermont Reiki Association.

spirituality

TIBETAN BUDDHIST TEACHINGS Nov. 20-25, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $250/$60 per day. Location: DDCV, 2 Elm St., Bristol. Info: Drikung Dzogchen Community Vermont (DDCV), 802-453-3431, ddcv@gmavt.net, www.ddcv.com. Teacher: Lonchen Gyalpo Rinpoche. Nov. 22: Awakening the Heart. Nov. 23: Dorje Drollo Crazy Wisdom Empowerment. Nov. 24-25: Meditating on the Natural State. Teaching times: 9:30-5 p.m. Suggested donation: $250/complete retreat or $60/day. No one turned away for financial reasons.

weight loss

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wood

VERMONT WOODWORKING SCHOOL Location: Vermont Woodworking School, 682 Hercules Dr., Colchester. Info: Vermont Woodworking School, 802-655-4201, info@vermontwoodworkingschool.com, www.VermontWoodworkingSchool.com. Apprentice Program for full-time woodworking and furniture-making skill development. Shop memberships in 6000 sq.ft. superior wood shop. Women's Woodworking begins January '08. Intro to Furniture-Making: 8 Thursdays, starts 12/6, $295. Cabinet-Making: 9 Fridays, starts 12/7, $295. Carving w/Matthew Strong: 12/9, $155. Turning w/Richard Montague: 12/15-12/16, $335. Hand-Tooling: Saturdays, $177. Advanced Woodworking w/Robert Fletcher: 8 consecutive weeks, $385.

yoga

BRISTOL YOGA AND AYURVEDA: Daily Ashtanga yoga classes for all levels. Special monthly workshops in yoga, Ayurveda, natural nutrition, breathing and meditation. Private sessions for yoga or ayurvedic consultations available by appointment. Cost: $14/drop-in, $120/10 classes or $100/monthly pass. Location: Old High School, Bristol. Info: 802-482-5547, www.bristolyoga.com. This classical form of yoga incorporates balance, strength and flexibility to steady the mind, strengthen the body and free the soul. Bristol Yoga is directed by Christine Hose who was blessed and authorized to teach by Sri K. Pattabhi Jois of Mysore, India, holder of the Ashtanga lineage.

BURLINGTON YOGA: Daily, ongoing classes in all styles with experienced, certified instructors. Cost: $12/class, $16/90 min. $160/unlimited monthly membership, $75/private lesson. Location: 156 Saint Paul St., 1/2 block south of Main St., Burlington. Info: 802-658-9642, www.burlingtonyoga.com. "The yogi whose mind is ever under his control, always striving to unite with the Self, attains the peace of Nirvana, the Supreme Peace that rests in me." Bhagavad Gita VI:15 Krishna to Arjuna

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EVOLUTION YOGA. Cost: $16/drop-in, $120/10 class card for 1.5 hr classes. $11/drop-in, $100/10-class card for 1 hr classes. Location: Evolution Yoga, 20 Kilburn Street, Burlington. Info: 802-864-9642, www.evolutionvt.com. Vinyasa, Anusara-Inspired, Kripalu and Iyengar classes for all levels, plus babies and kids yoga. Prepare for birth and strengthen post-partum with pre/postnatal yoga. Monday 5:45 Vinyasa class is sliding scale $4-$10. $5 Friday class, 4:30 p.m. UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: Mother's Yoga Retreat 12/2. Yoga and Pampering 1/1/08!

YOGA AND PAMPERING Dec. 16 and Jan. 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: $95/retreat. Location: See website for locations, Burlington. Info: 802-324-2804, lisahoneyoga@aol.com, www.honeyogapampering.com. A retreat for women. Kripalu method yoga, great catered lunch and attractive spa style massage treatment. Come get strong and relax and rejuvenate. Please register early.

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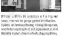

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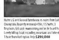

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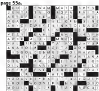

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CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to Title 24 and the Charlotte Land Use Regulations the Board of Adjustment will hold public hearings on Monday December 17, 2007, with the first hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall 159 Ferry Road, to hear the following:

Application by the Charlotte Trails Committee for Conditional Use approval for trails on 400 Thistle Farm Lane (located at the former town dump). Property is located in the Rural and Conservation zoning districts.

Applications are available for review during regular Planning and Zoning office hours.

Participation in the hearing is a prerequisite to the right to appeal any decision related to an application.

CITY OF BURLINGTON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The following traffic regulations are hereby enacted by the Public Works Commission as amendments to Appendix C, Motor Vehicles, and the City of Burlington's Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 8 Fifteen-Minute Parking

(a) No person shall park a vehicle longer than fifteen (15) minutes, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 17:00 p.m., Sundays and holidays excepted, in the following zones.

(1) through (26) As Written

(28) [In the parking space in front of the premises of 74 Maple Street, and the parking space next easterly thereof.] Reserved.

(21) through (128) As Written

Adopted this 14th day of November 2007 by the Board of Public Works Commissioners

Attest Norman Baldwin, P.E. Assistant Director Technical Services

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CITY OF BURLINGTON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The following traffic regulations are hereby enacted by the Public Works Commission as amendments to Appendix C, Motor Vehicles, and the City of Burlington's Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 13.1 Thirty-Minute Parking.

No person shall park any vehicle, at any time, longer than thirty (30) minutes at the following locations.

(1) through (10) As Written

(11) On the north side of Maple Street, on the first three spaces east of South Champlain Street. The restriction is in effect Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., holidays excepted.

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Sec. 1 No-Parking Areas

No person shall park any vehicle at any time in the following locations:

(1) through (55) As Written

(46) [Reserved.] On the north side of Hickok Court beginning immediately east of Pine Avenue and continuing east for a distance of 10 feet.

(47) through (559) As Written

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Sec. 12 No parking daytime on weekdays except by trucks loading or unloading.

No vehicle other than a truck actually engaged in loading or unloading shall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. except Sunday, and for no more than thirty (30) minutes, use the following parking spaces.

(1) through (48) As Written

(50) [On the west side of South Champlain Street from the southern most edge of the driveway accessing the parking area for 237 South Champlain Street running south for forty (40) feet.] Reserved.

(51) through (55) As Written

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Sec. 15 Two-hour parking

No person shall park a vehicle for a period longer than two (2) hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Sundays and holidays excepted, in the following locations:

(1) through (11) As Written

(12) On the west side of South Champlain Street [from a point 40 feet south of] beginning at the southernmost edge of the driveway accessing the parking area for 281 South Champlain Street and extending south for a distance of [200] 260 feet.

(13) As Written

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The following traffic regulations are hereby enacted by the Public Works Commission as amendments to Appendix C, Motor Vehicles, and the City of Burlington's Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 18.1 No parking except vehicles loading or unloading.

No person shall park a vehicle at the following locations unless engaged in loading or unloading the vehicle.

(1) through (45) As Written

(46) [On the west side of South Champlain Street from the southern most edge of the driveway accessing the parking area for 281 South Champlain Street running south for forty (40) feet.] Reserved.

(47) through (51) As Written

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Sec. 18-1 No parking except vehicles loading or unloading.

No person shall park a vehicle at the following locations unless engaged in loading or unloading the vehicle.

(1) through (42) As Written

(43) On the north side of Pearl Street (in the first space west of Church Street) beginning 25 feet west of Church Street and extending west for 43 feet. In a maximum time limit of thirty (30) minutes.

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The following traffic regulations are hereby enacted by the Public Works Commission as amendments to Appendix C, Motor Vehicles and the City of Burlington's Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 1d Bus stop

(a) The following spaces are hereby designated as bus stops.

(1) through (18) As Written

(b) The following areas are designated for the parking of tour buses only.

(1) through (3) As Written
(4) On the south side of Pearl Street adjoining 45 feet west of Church Street and extending west for 45 feet for a maximum time limit of 15 minutes.

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PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH BURLINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The South Burlington Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at the South Burlington City Hall Conference Room, 575 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following:

1. Preliminary plat application #SD-07-74 and final plat application #SD-07-75 of South Village Communities, LLC to amend a previously approved planned unit development of Phase 1 consisting of 154 residential units and a 108 student educational facility, of a 334 residential unit project. The amendment consists of: 1) reducing front yard setback from 10 feet to 5 feet, 2) reducing rear yard setback from 10 feet to 5 feet, 3) reducing side yard setback from 10 feet to 5 feet, 4) revising the lot configuration of the northern third of Phase 1, and 5) modifying utility cabinets, 1840 Spear Street.

2. Preliminary plat application #SD-07-76 & final plat application #SD-07-77 of Chittenden Bank to amend a previously approved planned unit development of a 677,739 sq. ft. GFA shopping complex with 410,882 sq. ft. of GLA. The amendment consists of: 1) razing a 5310 sq. ft. drive-in bank, 2) constructing a 4007 sq. ft. drive-in bank, and 3) installing a 1330 sq. ft. temporary drive-in bank, 55 & 155 Dorset Street.

John Dinklage, Chairman
South Burlington Development Review Board

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the South Burlington City Hall.

November 21, 2007

Public Notice
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management Program Notice of Application for CSWD's Environmental Depot

Public notice is hereby provided that the Vermont Solid Waste Program has found a Draft Re-Certification for the following Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Facility. The Environmental Depot at 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington.

The Environmental Depot is a facility that collects, stores, processes and transfers hazardous waste from households and conditionally-exempt generators. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has reviewed the CSWD application in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-305(b) and has determined that it complies with the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules. As a result, a draft re-certification has been issued and the ANR is seeking public comments on the draft.

The application and draft certification is available for public review during normal business hours at the Waste Management Division office in Waterbury, 103 South Main Street, tel. (802) 241-3444, at the South Burlington City Clerk's office, tel. (802) 846-4105 and at the CSWD Administrative office, tel. (802) 872-8100.

A final certification will be issued for the facility without a public informational meeting unless a written request for a public meeting, signed by at least 25 residents, by the City Council, by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, by CSWD, or by an adjoining landowner or resident, is received by the Program no later than 4:30 p.m., December 12, 2007.

Comments and questions must be received by 4:30 p.m., December 12, 2007 and must be addressed to: Jeff Bourdeau, Vermont Solid Waste Management Program, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0404 (tel. 802-241-3444, Fax: 802-241-3296)

REVISED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS that pursuant to an order of the Chittenden Superior Court in the matter entitled The Bank of New York as Trustee v. Leslie Riddell and the Vermont Department of Taxes (docket no. 642-08 Cnc) a sheriff's sale of the following described property shall take place at the premises located at 11 Lakeview Terrace in the City of Burlington at 10:30 a.m. on November 28, 2007.

The property to be sold is described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Leslie Riddell by Executor's Deed of Michael W. MacIntyre, Executor of the Estate of Andrew F. Sullivan dated May 2, 2001 and of record in Volume 579, Pages 1-2 of the Burlington Land Records.

A lot of land with all buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Lakeview Terrace, so-called, the dwelling house thereon known and designated as No. 11 Lakeview Terrace.

Reference is hereby made to the aforementioned instruments, the records thereof and the references therein contained, all in further aid of this description.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage including the costs and expenses of the sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Grant C. Rees, Attorney, P.O. Box 108, Milton, VT 05468, 802-893-7400.

The property shall be sold at such time to the highest bidder subject to all real estate taxes or other assessments of the City of Burlington, if any, on said land and premises, and subject to any superior liens or other encumbrances. The purchaser at the sale shall pay cash or certified funds, or produce a commitment letter from a bank or mortgage company or other lender licensed to do business in the State of Vermont, at the time of the sale. In any case, a $10,000 cash deposit at sale shall be required.

Dated at Burlington this 26th day of October 2007.

Kevin McLaughlin, Sheriff

**STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS**

**CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S823-06 CnC**

National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank of Indiana
Plaintiff
v.
Heidi M. Komasa, Thomas Komasa, American Express Travel Related Services, Inc., Gregory Supply Company, Inc. And Occupants residing at
211 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington Vermont,
Defendants

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by National City Mortgage to Heidi M. Komasa and Thomas Komasa dated January 27, 2006 and recorded in Volume 960, Page 345 of the Land Records of the City of Burlington, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:30 A.M. on December 12, 2007 at 211 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, Vermont, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Heidi Komasa and Thomas Komasa by Warranty Deed of Laura A. Hamlin and Mary L. Hamlin dated September 23, 2005, of record in Volume 934 at Page 255 of the Burlington Land Records and being more particularly described as follows:

A lot of land with buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Elmwood Avenue, the house being known and designated as 211 Elmwood Avenue, and said lot has a frontage of 43.5 feet on said Elmwood Avenue with a depth of 168.5 feet.

Reference is hereby made to the aforementioned instruments, the records thereof and the references therein contained, all in further aid of this description.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the City of Burlington.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-9000.

National City Mortgage

By: Joshua B. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT

CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.

CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0912-06 CnC

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables, LLC 2006-OP1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OP1
Plaintiff
v.
Thomas Komasa, Heidi Komasa, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, And Occupants residing at 5871 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Option One Mortgage Corporation to Thomas Komasa dated July 6, 2005 and recorded in Volume 326, Page 543 of the Land Records of the Town of Shelburne, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:15 A.M. on December 12, 2007 at 5871 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being a parcel of land situated on the easterly side of U.S. Route 7, together with all structures and improvements thereon, containing 4.2 acres, more or less, located at 5871 Shelburne Road, in Shelburne, Vermont, which are all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Heidi Komasa and Thomas Komasa by Warranty deed of Robert R. Spencer and Cynthia G. B. Spencer, of even or approximate date herewith and intended to be recorded in the Shelburne Land Records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Shelburne.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-9000.

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee

By: Joshua B. Lobe, Esq.
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CHITTENDEN COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Tues. Nov 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Fanny Allen Hospital, lower level in the Board Room. This months meeting will have as a speaker Roy Butler PhD, who will talk about Proton Beam Radiation treatment.

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HIV SUPPORT GROUP This is a facilitated HIV/AIDS support group that aims to foster a greater sense of community, self acceptance and personal growth. We are a group of survivors and with all of our experience, will help you understand and enjoy what living positive has to offer. Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. in the white building behind the Universal Unitarian Church. For more info call Michael J @ 860-9582.

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SHOPLIFTERS SUPPORT GROUP Self-help support group now forming in the Capital area for persons who would like to meet regularly for mutual support. This new group would meet biweekly at a time and place to be decided to discuss our known struggles and ways of staying out of trouble. We'll likely use some of Terry Shulman's work as a focus for some of our discussions. Please call Tina at: 802-763-8800 or email at: Tgurle2672019@cs.com

PARENTING GROUP Parenting support and skill-building for people parenting kids of any age. New members welcome as space allows. Please call for more information, RiverValley Associates (802) 651-7520.

STARTING A WOMEN'S GROUP- Ages 45+ to meet weekly for lunch and other activities such as walking, short discussions, museum visits, matinees and etc. Email Katherine at MKAZ7009@aol.com.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP A monthly support group open to anyone with, at risk, or caring for someone with Huntington's disease, and their family and friends. The group meets the second Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington. The support group is facilitated by a social worker and is sponsored by the Vermont affiliate of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. For additional information please call Warren Mathaway at 1-888-872-8102 ext 19.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN CRISIS: Divorce, custody, relationship type support for men. Weekly meetings Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian, top of Church St. Burlington.

TRANS SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUP- March 21, 6:30 p.m. @R127 Queer Community Center Burlington. This open-led group is open to any discussion topic transgendered persons might have. It is informal and unstructured.

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP- 1-3 p.m. every third Thursday. Burlington Police Station Community Room. One North Ave. South Entrance, next to Battery Park. VT CFIDS Assoc. Inc. 1-800-296-1445 or email: www.monkeyswithwings.com/vtcfids.html

MAN TO-MAN CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PROSTATE CANCER. Support group meets 5 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of each month in the board room of Fanny Allen Hospital, Colchester. 1-800-ACS-2345.

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CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP: 1-3 p.m. every third Thursday, Burlington Police Station Community Room, One North Ave. South Entrance, next to Battery Park. VT CFIDS Assoc. Inc. 1-800-296-1445 voicemail, www.monkeyswithwings.com/vtcfids.html.

MAN TO MAN: CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PROSTATE CANCER Support group meets 5 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of each month in the board room of Fanny Allen Hospital, Colchester. 1-800-ACS-2345.

CENTRAL VT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS COPING WITH BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS. Will meet at the Easter Seals office in Berlin the first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. New members welcome. Facilitated by Patti Smith, MA & Kristi Petrochko, BA. Info: call Kristi at 802-223-4744.

FAT FLUSHERS UNITE! Do you need support starting or staying motivated on the Fat Flush Plan by Ann Louise Gittleman? A support group starting in S. Burlington. Call Rhonda 864-0558x226 for details.

SQUEAKY WHEELS RUSTY HINGES: Focus group meets at the Beacon's Pond in St. Albans for arthritis sufferers, maintaining wellbeing, improving performance of daily activities by managing aches through sharing experiences and workout in the warm water. Meeting is free, one time pool pass, swimsuit, required. 802-527-7957.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING: To read and discuss Warren Farrell's groundbreaking best-selling book "The Myth of Male Power." 802-343-0910.

SEPARATED BY ADOPTION? Concerned United Birthparents, Inc. (CUB) announces local peer support group meeting in Burlington. CUB meetings offer a safe, confidential, and nurturing environment to explore personal experiences related to adoption, relinquishment, search and reunion (or rejection). For those of us who have felt isolated, it is a tremendous relief to communicate with others who understand our experience. 3rd Tuesday of the month 6-7 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church on Pearl St., top of Church St., Burlington. Free. Contact Judy, [illegible]@cubirthparents.org 800-822-2777 ext. 1. www.CUBirthparents.org

MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE/DYSAUTONOMIA. Group forming for information sharing purposes. Please call 863-3153.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING: Based on the work of David Deida, Ram Dass, Gangaji, and other awareness practices. The intention of the group is to serve members into being the most extraordinary men that they can be. It is for men who are dying to penetrate every bit of the world with their courage, their presence, their unguarded passion and relentless love, and their deepest, thrilling, bubbling, brilliant desire. The group will function as a means for men to support each other and serve the greater good. We will be working with spiritual practices, the mind and body, also taking on our lives with the utmost integrity, impeccability and openness. The group is not a new age group, nor is it a group dedicated to therapy. Info: email [illegible]@[illegible].com or call 617-997-1274.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE (SOS): Have you experienced the impact of a loved one's suicide? Please consider joining us. The Burlington support group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Red Room, 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington VT. This is not a therapy group; this is a support group. There is no fee. Please contact Lucy Gondi, M.A. Psychologist-Master 802-223-4111 or Linda Livendale 802-476-9458.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT: Fun support group for single women, discuss weekly activities (cooking, dancing, rock climbing...) childcare included. A great alternative to dating! Email: [illegible]@hotmail.com.

DEBTORS ANON. 12-step recovery group. Do you have a problem with money and debt? We can help. Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Redstone Campus First Presbyterian Church, South Prospect St. Sat. 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Brenda 802-497-1522 or Cameron 802-343-3747.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: 12-step recovery group. Is what you're eating eating you? Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rt. 15, Essex Jct. Contact 863-2655 for more info.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: A group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to be a member. The only requirement is a desire to stop using. For meeting info call 802-862-4516 or visit www.cvana.org.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter Meeting. Bethany Church, 115 Main Street, Montpelier. Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. For info call Linda at 476-8345 or Debbie at 223-257.

BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Enosburg Falls, 17 Market Place, Main St. Parents, grandparents and adult siblings are welcome! The hope is to begin a Compassionate Friends Chapter in the area. Info, please call Priscilla at 933-7149.

CONCERNED UNITED BIRTHPARENTS: A group offering support if you have lost a child to adoption or are considering it; have yet to begin your search. 802-849-2244.

EATING DISORDERS PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP: for parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. Meetings 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month at the Covenant Community Church, Rt. 15, Essex Center. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. More information call Peter at 802-899-2554.

HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUP: Second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30. Community Health Center, second floor, 617 Riverside Ave., Burlington. 802-355-8938.

AL-ANON Family Group 12-step. Thursdays, 12:20-1:20 p.m. "I Love Me," an educational support group on self-care for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence. Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Ongoing. Join us anytime. Ask about Survivors of Incest Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous. Call AWARE at 802-472-6463 for information.

AUTISM SUPPORT DAILY: Free support group for parents of children with autism. 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston. 1st Monday of each month 7-8 p.m. Call Lynn 802-660-7240 or visit us at http://www.AutismSupportDaily.com for more info.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier daytime support group meets first and third Thursday of the month at the Unitarian Church "ramp entrance" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier evening support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Vermont Protection and Advocacy, 141 Main St. suite 7 in conference room #2 from 6-8 p.m. Call our helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

OCD SUPPORT GROUP/THERAPY GROUP: Learn more, your experience, get support from those who have been there, learn about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and how to reduce its symptoms. Therapist facilitated. Weekly meetings. 802-343-8114.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Dementia support group: Held the last Tuesday of every month at Birchwood Terrace, Burlington. Info, contact Stefanie Catella 863-6384.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP: If someone in your family or one of your friends is in an abusive relationship, this new support group is designed especially for you. Info: call Women Helping Battered Women 658-1996.

HAIR PULLERS SUPPORT GROUP: The Vermont TTM Support Group is a new support group for adult pullers (18+) affected by trichotillomania (chronic hair pulling) as well as parents of pullers. This will be a supportive, safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m. There will be no meeting 12/25. First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Info: 453-5688 or [illegible].

DEPERSONALIZATION AND DEREALIZATION: If you suffer from either of these trance states, please call Todd 864-4285.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EAST CHAPTER of the Compassionate Friends meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus UVM. Info: 482-5516. The meetings are for parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a child at any age from any cause.

DIABETES EDUCATION and Support Group of Chittenden County meets the third Thursday of every month at the Williston Federated Church 6:30-8 p.m. We often have guest speakers. Info: 847-2278.

CHADD is a support organization for children and adults with ADD/HD. Every second Wednesday of the month. Champlain College, Global Technology Building, Maple St. Room 217, Burlington, VT.

MOOD DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP: Every Monday 4:30-6 p.m. Faith United Church. Info: contact Lorraine 485-4934.

WOMEN HELPING BATTERED WOMEN offers a free, confidential educational support groups for women who have fled, are fleeing or are still living in a world where intimate partner violence is present. WHBW offers a variety of groups to meet the diverse needs of women and children in this community. Info: 658-1996.

VT PARENTS OF FOOD ALLERGY CHILDREN EMAIL SUPPORT TEAM: Info: contact MaryKay Hill, www.VTPFAC.com or call 802-373-0351.

MIXED GENDER COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Co-facilitated by supportive peers and mental health professionals and open to all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning adults age 25 and up. Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TRANS SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUP: First Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Looking for peer support among other transgendered folks? Need a safe space to relax and be your self? Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meeting, St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski. [illegible], 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m. meeting. Info: call Fred Bessette, 655-3517 or Patricia 658-6904.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to join. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. Info: 862-4516 or visit www.together.net/~cvana. Held in Burlington, South Burlington and Colchester. For more information, call 860-8388 or toll-free, 1-866-972-5266.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: Support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington (1068 Williston Rd.) from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information please contact Lucy Gondi 223-4111 or cgondi1154@earthlink.net. Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention VT.

SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS. 12-step recovery group. Do you have a problem with sex or relationships? We can help. Sunday meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Men call Sandy, 863-5708. Women call Valerie, 802-760-0295.

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WOMEN CHANGING. A continuous educational support group for women who are interested in changing patterns in their lives. Wednesdays-ongoing, 12:30-2 p.m. Call Angie at AWARE in Hardwick, 472-6463.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN who have experienced intimate partner abuse, facilitated by Battered Women's Services and Shelter of Washington County. Please call 1-877-543-9498 for more info.

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ALS (LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE) monthly support group. For patients, caregivers and loved ones who are living or have lived with ALS. Third Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m. Jim's House, 1266 Cemetery Rd. Williston. Info and directions: 802-862-8882, [illegible]vt@al[illegible].

AL-ANON: Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the AWARE office, 88 High St. Hardwick. Info, 472-6463.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION of Vermont: Daytime support group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Fanny Allen Hospital in Colchester from 12-2 p.m. For more info, contact Polly Erickson at 847-6941.

METHADONE ANONYMOUS: A medication-assisted recovery support group. Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. The Alano Club. Directions: Rt. 15 Fort Ethan Allen entrance, Barnes Ave., third right on to Hegeman Ave., #74 on left. All are welcome.

HARD-OF-HEARING support group: I'm starting a support group for adults who have a hearing loss that affects the quality of their work/family/social life. Let's share personal experiences and knowledge of hearing aid technologies. Marlene 658-6015.

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PARENTS TOGETHER support groups: Would you like to talk and share ideas with other parents about the joys and challenges of children? Support groups for all parents. Bethany 796-3110.

MENTAL ILLNESSES. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill holds support meetings for families and friends of the mentally ill at Howard Center, corner of Flynn and Pine. Second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. Park in Pine St. lot and walk down ramp. 862-6683 for info.

NONCUSTODIAL SUPPORT group for parents. Contact Bill Bagdon 434-4445.

BRAIN INJURY: Open to people who sustained a brain injury, their caregivers and family. Expert speakers often scheduled. 1st Wed. of every month, 6-8 p.m. Fanny Allen Campus, Colchester. Call Barb Winters, 434-7244.

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FAMILY/FRIENDS OF THOSE suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: second Monday of the month, 4-5 p.m. The Arbors, 985-8600.

"HILLENBACH" CANCER support: Every other Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. [illegible]. Call to verify meeting place. Info: 388-6107. People living with cancer and their caretakers convene for support.

DEBTORS SUPPORT GROUP: Mondays, 7-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 21 Buell St., Burlington. Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., First/Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, Burlington and Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. King Street Youth Center, 87 King St., Burlington. Info: call Brenda 865-7752 or Cameron 343-3747.

BURLINGTON MEN'S GROUP: Ongoing Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info: 877-5742. Area men are invited to join this weekly group for varied discussions and drumming.

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AL-ANON: Ongoing Wednesdays, 8 p.m. First Congregational Church, N. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Free. Info: 655-6512. Seven other locations also. Info: 860-1588. Do you have a friend or relative with an alcohol problem? Al-Anon can help.

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL violence: WomenSafe offers free confidential support groups in Addison County for women who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. Info, 388-4205.

SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS Anonymous: Sundays, 7 p.m. Free. Info: write to P.O. Box 5843, Burlington, VT 05402. Get help through this weekly 12-step program.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS: Burlington: meets at Birchwood Terrace, 2nd & 4th Wed., at 1:30 p.m. Colchester: meets at FAHC Fanny Allen Campus, 1st Thurs. of month at 5 and 7 p.m. Shelburne: meets at The Arbors, 2nd Thurs. of month at 10 a.m.

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S disease support group for the caregivers: Barre: meets at Rowan Ct. 4th Wed. of month at 3 p.m. Montpelier: 538 River St. 2nd Wed. of month at 7 p.m.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE: meets 1st Tues. of each month at the Heineberg Sr. Ctr., Heineberg Ave. Burlington. [illegible] 865-5282 in advance.

WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT group: UHC campus, 1 South Prospect St., Arnold 2 Resource Rm. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5-6:30 p.m. Info, 847-4558.

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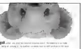

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Substance Abuse Case Manager: Full-time and part-time positions available. Case Manager needed to provide substance abuse treatment referral, coordination, monitoring, and wrap-around services to young pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field and Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselor Certificate or the ability to test for certification within three months of hire date. Experience working with women and children, and knowledge of community resources preferred.

Social Worker: Full-time. Social Worker needed for Residential Treatment program for pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human service-related field and experience working with women and children. A desire to work towards or current licensure or certification in mental health counseling and/or substance abuse treatment preferred.

Shift Supervisor: Full time. Two positions available. Evening Shift Supervisor needed for residential treatment program serving pregnant and/or parenting young women and their children. Day Shift Supervisor needed for Independent living program serving young women and their children as they transition into the community. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in human services-related field and supervisory skills. Experience with adolescents and flexibility is a must.

IP Residential Counselor: 27-hour per-week position. Counselor will provide parenting and life skill support to pregnant and parenting women through transitional living program. Position includes sleeping overnight shifts and weekend shifts. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in human services related field and experience working with adolescents.

Database Coordinator: Full-time. Coordinator will conduct and oversee data collection and maintain database for residential and outpatient treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in social work or human service related field with experience in conducting surveys/collecting from clients/evaluating data/treatment outcomes as well as computer skills.

Family Educator: Full time. Family Educator needed to provide support/education to young pregnant and parenting women, individual parent education, parenting classes, access to resources, collaboration with community providers, and observation, documentation, and assessment of parenting skills. Looking for candidate with knowledge of child development, excellent writing/oral communications skills, flexibility and creativity, and Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field. Must have experience working with teens, children and families.

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Williston, Vermont

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JOB TITLE: Technology Director

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REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree or equivalent training/experience and three years experience in commercial printing-press industry with concentration in product management and marketing. Knowledge of marketing strategies, research techniques and industry trends in commercial printing industry.

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Apple Specialist

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Small Dog Electronics is hiring for three new positions!

MANAGER OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Small Dog Electronics is seeking an experienced manager of human resources. The qualified candidate must have a demonstrated background (2-4 years) of HR training and responsibility, appropriate college degree and a strong commitment to socially responsible business practices.

The successful candidate will have front line responsibility for staffing and recruitment, training and development, refining and recommending company HR policies and procedures, administering the company's benefit programs, developing and scheduling periodic reviews, processing payroll, employee relations, and assisting in the establishment of pay levels and career paths for company departments.

POSITION SUMMARY
• Organizes and leads Human Resources practices and objectives that will provide an employee-oriented, high performance, entrepreneurial business culture. These objectives will emphasize empowerment, safety and health, quality, continuous improvement and learning. The recruitment and ongoing development of a superior workforce should be consistent with Small Dog's commitment to socially responsible business practices and multiple bottom lines, which are essential in sustaining the company's success.
• Serves on the executive management team, and assists and advises managers about HR issues in order to enhance inter-departmental and cross-functional processes that build organizational unity, efficiency and mission achievement.

Please send resumé, cover letter and salary requirements to Don Mayer at don@smalldog.com. No phone calls please.

ASSISTANT CONTROLLER
Small Dog Electronics seeks an applicant for the Assistant Controller position. Reporting directly to the Chief Operations Officer, a successful candidate will have 2 to 3 years audit or accounting experience, and minimum of a Bachelor's degree in business or accounting. Working out of our Waitsfield, VT headquarters supervising all aspects of our accounting and financial controls.

Qualities in a potential candidate would be a high regard for accuracy and control, an entrepreneurial bent, a willingness to challenge the way things are done, and an overarching commitment to customer satisfaction and social responsibility. Strong computer spreadsheet and database experience are a must. Good communications, supervisory and motivational skills are required as well.

POSITION SUMMARY
Responsibilities include all financial aspects of the company including Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Inventory Control, Cash Management and Budgeting. Production of reports for other departments and outside agencies, quarterly and yearly tax planning and filing, plus internal accounting system training, design and development are all part of this multi-faceted position.

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- Plans bakery operations so that production schedules may be fulfilled.
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2007-2008 School Year

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Part-time Individual Paraeducator

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The successful applicant will be charismatic and comfortable in front of a crowd of one or many.

Operations Assistant

HSCC is seeking a highly competent individual to join our staff in the newly created position of Operations Assistant. The ideal candidate will be a strong team player with superior organizational skills, MS Office competence (MS Access a plus), an outgoing personality and the ability to juggle multiple projects with efficiency, attention to detail and a smile.

The position calls for a combination of strong administrative support skills and independent initiative. Willingness to lend an occasional hand in animal care and cleaning a must. This jack/jill-of-all-trades will work closely with the executive director in supporting all aspects of organizational management.

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HSCC – DA Search
142 Kindness Court
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LICENSED SPECIAL EDUCATOR
NCSS has an opening for a Special Education Teacher to work in our Independent School, Project Soar: Back to School Program. This position is responsible for lesson planning and/or direct instruction, IEP writing, and implementation and monitoring of two self-contained classrooms for students with severe learning impairment and behavioral and/or medical challenges. Must be a natural leader, team player, flexible and possess excellent collaboration skills. BA with appropriate State of Vermont Licensure in Special Education required.

AUTISM BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST
Project Soar's exciting new School Based Autism Program is seeking a Behavior Interventionist. This position is responsible for direct instruction, behavioral intervention and data collection for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders within their local public schools. Experience/knowledge of ABA and/or DIR/Floortime preferred, though willing to train the right person. Great opportunity for those looking for training and experience in the field of Autism Intervention. Successful candidates will be strong team players, flexible and be willing, able and excited to learn. Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in human service or school setting preferred. For more information, please see our website at www.ncssinc.org. Please send letter of interest and resume to address below.

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Primary duties include the timely production of various collateral projects for the resort, including but not limited to: weekly event listings, print advertisements, flyers, stickers, coupons, brochures, t-shirts, and posters.

Requirements include a degree in Graphic Design/Advertising followed by a minimum of two years professional experience. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign on a Macintosh platform is a must. Candidate should be familiar with current action sports design trends and have some knowledge of the ski industry. Knowledge of print processes and web design a plus.

Please apply on line at www.sugarbush.com or e-mail resumes to bmason@sugarbush.com

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Experienced Clinical Supervisor

Innovative and effective leader needed to head our Foster Care Team in White River Junction, VT. The team leader provides clinical direction and oversight and manages the daily operations of the program. Job responsibilities include: supervising clinical social workers providing direct service to children and families as needed, managing administrative paperwork, overseeing clinical documentation, and monitoring the program budget. In addition, the team leader guides program development, community outreach, and interagency collaboration. Applicants should be licensed/license eligible MSW's, have strong clinical skills in child and family practice and have knowledge of community-based practice. They also should have at least two years of clinical supervisory experience and excellent communication skills. This position requires weekly travel to our Winooski office and routine travel throughout New England. Casey Family Services offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits, and opportunity for professional growth. EOE. Please send letter of interest and resume to:

Casey Family Services—Attn: Judy Delage
46 Main Street, Suite 1A—Winooski, VT 05404
jdelage@caseyfamilyservices.org

46 Main Street, Suite 1A
Winooski, VT 05404
800.244.1408

160 Palmer Court
White River Jct., VT 05001
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Porter Hospital seeks a Clinical Registered Dietitian to work a flexible full or part time position which includes every-other weekend coverage. Primary responsibilities include providing nutritional care and education to patients, their families and staff; preparing meal plans for patients with special dietary needs; conducting quality assurance within the department; and assisting the Nutrition Services Manager in related clinical areas.

The successful candidate must demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills as well as the ability to work effectively as a member of the Nutrition Services team. Active membership in the American Dietetics Association as well as current Vermont State Licensure as a Registered Dietitian is required.

David Fuller, PHR
Human Resources Manager
Porter Medical Center
115 Porter Drive
Middlebury, VT 05753
(p) 802 388 8887
(f) 802 388 8888
dfuller@portermedical.org
www.portermedical.org

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has an exciting opportunity to assist the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties with transportation planning projects including roadways, bike and pedestrian facilities, and public transit. The planner will focus on transportation planning, programs and projects at the local and regional level and will work closely with the region's Transportation Advisory Committee and state and local officials. The planner will also undertake other NRPC projects, according to the person's interests and skills. Candidates should have a minimum of 1-3 years community planning or transportation planning experience, and skills or knowledge of transportation issues. Solid written and verbal communication skills and degree in planning, transportation or related field are required.

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Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director
NRPC
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The Vermont Humanities Council, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Montpelier, seeks a Director of Public Programs to develop, implement and supervise the Council's public programs. Relevant experience in program management and Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree desirable. Candidates should demonstrate broad background in the humanities, especially literature and history; strong organizational skills; experience implementing programs; and excellent writing, people, and computer skills. EOE

Please send cover letter, resume
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Vermont Humanities Council
ATTN: Human Resources
11 Loomis Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
or email lwinter@vermonthumanities.org

Vermont Alliance for Arts Education

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Vermont Alliance for Arts Education

Dedicated to advancing student learning through the arts, the Vermont Alliance for Arts Education is part of The Kennedy Center's national network of state alliances. Through public advocacy, annual awards, statewide recognition programs, professional development programs, and other activities, the Alliance serves students, teachers and schools throughout Vermont.

Effective immediately, the Alliance seeks a new Executive Director capable of communicating, organizing, supporting and serving a diverse constituency including students, teachers, artists, legislators, administrators, donors, and other members of the Vermont arts and education communities. Currently considered 40% full-time, the position provides a competitive salary and benefits, with some potential for further growth. Conference schedules and the annual meeting in Washington provide a varied calendar less demanding at some times than at others.

For a detailed list of requirements and responsibilities, please email VAAE Chair Rick Hilton

rick.hilton@lyndoninstitute.org

Graphic Designer

Energetic team player wanted to join a full service marketing agency!

Requirements: at least 2 years experience in print design, web design/development, and client relations. Verbal and written communication skills a must.

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DIRECTOR, HEALTH PROMOTION AND PUBLIC POLICY

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Experience and Qualifications Desired: 5 or more years progressively responsible experience in health promotion in the public or private sectors including experience in public policy, preferably at the state level.

Bachelor's degree in community or public health; Master's degree preferred. Excellent verbal and interpersonal skills, including the ability to take a leadership role with collaborators and coalitions. Demonstrated excellent writing skills and ability to meet deadlines. Ability to work independently and creatively solve problems with minimal supervision.

Please send resume and salary requirements to:
Lee Scott, Vice President, Health Promotion
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Requirements: Master's degree in museum studies, history or related field, and at least three years experience in a museum environment, preferably in an academic setting. Thorough knowledge of professional museum principles and practices. Interest in American history, including military history. Excellent communication, interpersonal, and presentation skills. Experience in exhibition development, instructional initiatives, and program planning. Staff and volunteer management skills.

Please send cover letter and resume to Sullivan Museum Director Search via email: jobs@norwich.edu. Application review begins on November 29 for immediate hiring. Please visit our website: www.norwich.edu/jobs for more information.

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PART-TIME CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS

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SEASONAL SUBSTITUTES

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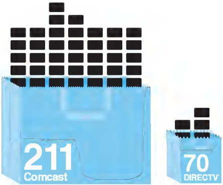

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